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Prices and Prospects.

THE COKE TRADE IS MARKING TIME

Both Buyers and Sellers Have Adopted the Waiting Policy.

MUCH DEPENDS ON COAL STRIKE

If Walkout Comes in Union Fields, Coke Producers Will Ship Coal. Just Now There Are Few Coal Cars for Connellsville Region Operators.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Mar 27—Buyers and sellers of coke have settled down to a waiting policy to see the outcome of the prospective suspension of mining in the union coal mining districts. Consumers are getting nearly their full requirements under contracts, there being few cases where shipments are not up to the contractual obligations of the sellers. Consumers who were buying extra coke in the past few weeks have largely dropped out of the market as they see no great advantage in buying extra coke at the present high prices and prefer to take their chances of having to pay still higher prices in future should they find it necessary to buy additional coke. Producers of course are making no effort to force sales as they are well sold up and the result is that the market is largely nominal on the basis of about $2.20 for prompt furnace coke, a price which has been paid in the past few days for perhaps 50 or 75 cars, the total turnover being lighter than in several weeks.

An element in the situation is the fact that consumers are not certain they will need their full normal requirements of coke in the event of a suspension of mining, because the lack of coal may reduce consumption of iron and steel.

While special prices may occasionally be paid for coke, the market stands approximately as follows:

Prompt furnace	$2.20@$2.25
Prompt foundry	$2.85@$3.00

Very little Connellsville coal is being shipped at this time. There is a demand for all coal, at attractive prices, but the regular mines are absorbing the entire car supply available and even then are not able to run full, so that it is very difficult for Connellsville operations to secure cars in which to ship coal. No doubt shipments would amount to a considerable tonnage if cars were available, as prices bid for coal would easily afford a good profit to the Connellsville region even at the slight freight disadvantage of the region as compared with the Pittsburg district.

Conditions as to the shipment of Connellsville coal will change altogether after April 1st, as the union mines will then be down and a large number of cars will be released. The full normal supply will not be available as the railroads have stored considerable coal on track, but the supply of coal cars will be much better than it is now and the Connellsville region will be able to ship considerable coal. How this will affect the coke supply remains to be seen. At comparable prices for coal and coke the coal may be shipped instead of coke on account of scarcity of labor at the coke ovens, while in the event of any lengthy suspension of mining prices of coal will probably go to a level making coal a better product to ship than coke. Any scarcity of fuel sufficient to send coal prices still higher would be accompanied by such a slowing down in industrial operations as would be likely somewhat to limit the demand for coke, and thus there would be more of a change in the character of material shipped than in the total tonnage, more coal being shipped and less coke.

The steel business has been giving an excellent account of itself, the flow of orders being better than at any time since 1910. Prices show a slight stiffening tendency, though realized prices are not going to be much higher on account of buyers having covered themselves so well with contracts.

Pig iron has been quiet the past week but has lost none of its strength, the undertone of the market being very firm. For early delivery, Bessemer is quotable at $14.25, Valley, basic at $13, and foundry at $13.25, freight to Pittsburg being 90 cents.

DISTRIBUTING IMMIGRATION

New York State Gets a Third of the Arrivals and Pennsylvania Next.

WASHINGTON, March 27—New York state gets practically one third of all the immigrant aliens admitted to the United States. For the year ending June 30, 1911, 878,584 aliens arrived, of which 260,275 gave destinations in the state of New York.

Pennsylvania had credit for 114,922, or somewhat more than one eighth of the total. Illinois with 76,565 ranks third, followed by Massachusetts with 70,511 persons. The two great loadstones are either the cities or the industries in distributing the new arrivals from abroad.

No Coal Trust Inquiry

CHICAGO, March 25—Rumors that nation wide investigation of alleged coal trust is under way by the government are denied by the local government officials. The story grew out of complaints that the Northwest Retail Coal Dealers' Association had prevented coal from reaching Two Harbors, Minn., where it was to be sold by municipality at cost.

THE STEEL TRADE

Market Is Much Firmer and Demand Steady.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, Mar 27—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report will say tomorrow:

It has required the engagement of practically the entire steel producing capacity of the middle west to effect any material stiffening in prices, but this condition is reached and in the central west the regularly quoted market on bars is 1.15c and on plates and shapes 1.20c. These prices are shaded in exceptional cases, and the mills are to an extent meeting the somewhat lower prices named in the east, and in the Chicago district, but these districts also have been firming up, being better filled with business. In bars, plates, shapes and sheets the general market level is about $1 a ton higher than a fortnight ago.

It is remarkable that prices have continued so low when the mills are so well filled. Specifications in the past week have been the best since December and according to some accounts have been better even than in that month, which throws the comparison back to the spring of 1910. Relative to the comparison with December it is to be noted that the present volume of steel tonnage is an easy and natural flow, while in December the flow was forced at many points, buyers being under the necessity of placing specifications to save low prices under expiring contracts. The present flow of orders is under no artificial stimulus and has the earmarks of being the beginning of a steady flow of business for a period of months. While there are political clouds on the horizon they are not new and business is held to have discounted everything already.

Several of the large interests, including Carnegie and Republic, are making larger outputs than ever before in their history. The Republic company will probably make 78,000 tons of its steel products in March, two thirds Bessemer and one third open hearth, constituting a new monthly record for this interest.

Interest in pig iron is less, although the undertone of the market is firm. A suspension of mining in the union bituminous districts is certain, but may affect consumption as much as production of iron and steel. Connellsville furnace coke is about $2.20 firm at that price but not in active demand."

JULIAN KENNEDY TELLS OF NATIONAL TUBE CO.

Relates Organization of Combination to Stanley Steel Committee.

WASHINGTON, D C, March 27—The organization of the National Tube Company and raising of prices were recounted today to the Stanley Steel Committee by Julian Kennedy, Pittsburg millionaire and structural engineer known as the "Edison of steel."

Kennedy said he was J. Pierpont Morgan's agent in appraising the steel tube plants of the country. He said the Morgan reorganization secured control of practically all such plants and that the prices were quickly raised.

Kennedy said he would rather not give the figures of which he appraised the tube plants for Morgan.

"He could give you the figures," suggested Kennedy.

"But Mr Morgan stays in Egypt or some other inaccessible place," Stanley complained.

"Mr Morgan has nearly all the tube business in the reorganization committee. I would say that he controls 90 per cent of the business," said Kennedy. Twelve large plants, the witness said, were the nucleous of the National Tube Company.

Asked if he considered the Tube Trust economical in the dismantling of some of the plants after the consolidation, Kennedy declared that the combine saved money. He said, however, that overproduction and financial losses were suffered by the independent tube manufacturers as a result of the amalgamation.

Stanley plans to call other witnesses probably next week, when it is hoped to close the public hearing. A report will not come before May.

TRADE IS MUCH BETTER LEADING STEEL MEN SAY

Increase in Prices Expected. Many Orders For Engines, Cars and Rails.

NEW YORK, March 27—Representatives of the leading steel producers of the country held a long conference yesterday, after which practically all present reported improved trade conditions and a general sentiment in favor of higher prices.

Many recent contracts have been made on a basis of $1.50 a ton higher than those prevailing in December. One of the prominent steel men said he would not be surprised to see a similar increase before the end of May. Several of the steel men believed the tide in business had turned, that a steadily increasing volume might be expected from now until after the fall election and that 1913 will probably prove a boom year.

Many new orders were reported today for rails, new steel cars and locomotives.

Having Coal Delivered

McKEESPORT, March 25—The United States Steel Corporation here is having mountains of coal delivered into its plants in anticipation of the threatened coal strike. Enough fuel it is said to keep the immense plants running here for two months has already been delivered.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING MAR 23, 1912				WEEK ENDING MAR 16, 1912			
District	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	23,208	18,281	4,927	226,027	23,208	18,188	5,020	231,099
Lower Connellsville	15,807	13,709	2,098	172,820	15,807	13,695	2,112	177,138
Totals	39,015	31,990	7,025	398,847	39,015	31,883	7,132	408,237
Furnace Ovens								
Connellsville	18,565	15,051	3,514	185,474	18,565	14,948	3,617	188,495
Lower Connellsville	5,671	5,000	671	61,754	5,671	5,000	671	63,962
Totals	24,236	20,051	4,185	247,228	24,236	19,948	4,288	252,457
Merchant Ovens								
Connellsville	4,643	3,230	1,413	40,553	4,643	3,240	1,403	42,603
Lower Connellsville	10,136	8,709	1,427	111,066	10,136	8,695	1,441	113,176
Totals	14,779	11,939	2,840	151,619	14,779	11,935	2,844	155,779

SHIPMENTS	WEEK ENDING MAR. 23 1912	WEEK ENDING MAR. 16 1912
To Pittsburg	4,407 Cars	4,525 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburg	6,073 Cars	6,271 Cars
To Points East of the Region.	1,133 Cars	1,189 Cars
Totals.	11,613 Cars	11,985 Cars.

83 MINERS ENTOMBED IN EXPLOSION NEAR WELCH

Terrible Disaster Overtakes the Jed Coal and Coke Company's Shaft Mine in West Virginia—Only Three Men Escape From Workings—Connellsville Region Man in Charge.

WELCH, W. Va., Mar 26—Eighty three men are entombed in the mine of the United States Coal & Coke Company at Jed, three miles from here. An explosion of gas occurred in the mine at 7:30 this morning. Eighty six men were then at work and only three of the number were able to reach the outside. Following the explosion, afterdamp pervaded the entire workings and it was impossible for any immediate rescue work to be begun.

Deputy State Mine Inspector Arthur Mitchell arrived from Bluefield an hour after the explosion occurred. Miners who had worked during the night and who were then in their homes were brought to the mine and organized into rescue parties, but on account of the deadly afterdamp, in which no human being can live for an instant, it was impossible for the would-be rescuers to get further than a few hundred feet from the opening.

As soon as the report of the explosion was heard and the smoke was seen pouring from the mine, the wives and children of the men at work made a mad rush for the opening and it was only by using the sternest methods that they could be kept from the danger line. In spite of all however, one half crazed woman, the bride of a month, broke through the line and before she could be stopped was at the edge of the shaft. She was rescued and taken home in an unconscious condition.

An appeal for help to the United States Bureau of Mines was immediately sent and word has been received that a car is on the way.

Whether any of the 83 men are alive is problematical. Experienced miners say that there is a chance that some may have escaped the explosion and reached a part of the mine not penetrated by the afterdamp. If this is the case brattices may have been thrown up by them to prevent the gas from fouling the air. Under such conditions the men could live for [illegible] hours and perhaps for days.

The entire output of the Jed mine is taken by the United States Steel Corporation. Most of the [illegible] is shipped over the Norfolk & Western railroad to Mar[illegible] and.

The United States Coal & Coke Company is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation and its extensive operations in the Welch, W. Va. district. A number of mines have been opened and in the neighborhood of 2,000 beehive coke ovens erected. Thomas Lynch, President of the H. C. Frick Coke company, is also President of the United States Coal & Coke Company, while [illegible] Foot [illegible] Division Superintendent of the Frick Coke [illegible] Central Manager.

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MANUFACTURERS WORKING FOR ADVANCE IN STEEL PRICES

Spring Buying, Movement of Steel Products May Be Preceded by Marking Up Quotations.

A movement which seems to be general is under way among steel manufacturers to advance prices of steel including bars, plates and structurals within the next week or two. While quotation for bars has been $1.1[illegible] right along, sales have been made as low as $1.10. While the cooperative movement has not been revived, still there is a mutual understanding among producers that they should obtain better prices for their products.

It is not believed that there will be much of an advance unless the volume of business increases. In this connection it can be stated that the harvester companies and other large consumers will soon be in the market for material and this may be made the foundation for better quotations. Earnings are so small that manufacturers find they must get better prices from absolute necessity.

Incoming business of the various steel companies at the moment is fairly large and there is quite a lot of business in sight, particularly in structurals, shapes, rails, plates and steel bars. In the event of improved condition in April record breaking outputs of pig iron, ingots and the various finished steel commodities are looked for.

A feature of the annual report of the United States Steel Corporation is the disappearance of the special surplus fund for capital expenditures, which amounted to $1,796,910 at the close of 1910. This was due to the small earnings which made it impossible for the Steel Corporation to appropriate funds for construction purposes.

In connection with the above it is interesting to note that last year the Steel Corporation issued for the account of purchases of property, construction, etc., approximately $32,300,000 bonds and retired or acquired about $9,500,000, leaving an increase in bonded debt of about $21,000,000, thereby increasing fixed charges by $1,[illegible] a year.

In view of the continued small earnings of the corporation it would appear that the management will [illegible] continue its policy of issuing bonds for new construction and acquisition, things since the first of the year do not permit appropriations from the surplus for this purpose.

[illegible] result of [illegible] earnings [illegible] amount of cash held by the corporation [illegible] banks was smaller than at the close of any year since organization.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

How They Can Be Secured at Trifling Expense.

[illegible]

LAKE ORE PRICES REDUCED, RAILROADS PLACING ORDERS

Steel Mills Are Making Determined Stand For More Remunerative Rates.

[illegible]

Autos to Order

[illegible]

Cost of Coal in Boston

BOSTON, March [illegible]—The price [illegible] $1.20 [illegible] ton [illegible] has advanced from 10 cents to 14 cents a bag.

Production and Output.

AVAILABLE COAL SUPPLY

West Reports a Stiff Market and Tendency to Rise Sharply.

CHICAGO, March [illegible]

[illegible] the workers [illegible] miners ought [illegible] Western Pennsylvania.

EXAMINATIONS FOR MINE FOREMEN IN SOMERSET

Rules Laid Down By the Examining Board of the 20th District That County.

SOMERSET, Mar [illegible]

[illegible]

MINE WORKERS STAND FIRM; OPERATORS ALSO DETERMINED

Cleveland Conference Unable to Agree on Satisfactory Wage Scale. Lewis Hints at Strike.

CLEVELAND, O., Mar [illegible]—In [illegible]

[illegible]

ENGINEERS TO VOTE

Result of Strike Ballot Will Be Announced April 10.

NEW YORK, Mar [illegible]

[illegible]

New Convention Hall

[illegible] cost $[illegible],000 [illegible] together with its gardens will cover four acres of ground.

OUTPUT FALLS OFF BECAUSE OF FLOODS

High Water Directly Responsible for Region Making Less Coke.

DECREASE WAS 9,000 TONS

Number of Plants Were Seriously Handicapped by Water in Pits While at Others Yard Tracks Were Washed Out, Hampering Car Movement.

The high waters [illegible] coke region [illegible] week were directly responsible for a falling off in production [illegible] and a decrease [illegible] in shipments of [illegible].

A number of the plants were seriously hampered by high water in the [illegible] while [illegible] bridges and yard tracks [illegible] movement of cars. [illegible]

[illegible]

RALSTON STEEL CAR CO

Columbus Plant at 70% of Capacity and Turning Out 25 Cars a Day.

[illegible]

MAY APPEAL RATE DECISION.

Pittsburg Lines to Meet in New York on Thursday.

NEW YORK, Mar [illegible]

[illegible]

Arbuckle Dies Suddenly

NEW YORK, March [illegible]—John Arbuckle, [illegible] one of the best known philanthropists in the United States died suddenly at his home today.

BELIEVED THE WORK WILL START SOON

Franchise for B. & O. at Somerset Removes the Last Obstacle

FOR DOUBLE TRACKING S. & C.

Plans of Railroad Will Necessitate a Number of Changes and Before Long Coal Fields Will Have Improved Transportation Facilities

SOMERSET March 26 —The granting of a franchise to the B & O railroad company to occupy parts of Pleasant street in the construction of a second track for the Somerset & Cambria branch is considered the last step in double-tracking the branch between Rockwood and Johnstown The second track would relieve the present congestion of the branch in handling the immense coal tonnage from the Jenner-Quemahoning region

The rigorous winter retarded the progress of work on the yards which will be rushed to completion now that the weather has broken The construction of the yards however was not abandoned throughout the winter and in spite of the intense cold during the past five or six months there is a noticeable advancement Kantner's dam has been filled almost to the required grade with the rock and ground removed from the cut The bank along the site of the old dam has been graded down and is occupied with tracks for the dinkey trains hauling ground and ballast for the yard tracks

When completed the yards will extend from near Roberts station to the Patriot street crossing near the present station at Somerset a distance of about two miles The yards will consist of from five to nine tracks The turntable about a mile south of Somerset is nearly completed and is being constructed of sufficient strength to turn the largest locomotives on the Baltimore & Ohio system.

The new Somerset depot will be built on Main instead of Patriot street according to the present plans A site for the building has not yet been announced, but it is believed it will occupy the Calvin M Ankeny lot.

The Edgewood cut will eliminate the long curve between Somerset and Roberts and will be of sufficient width to accommodate probably five yard tracks the southern terminus of the yards being just south of the cut. A concrete arch wide enough for two tracks has been completed across Cox's creek just south of the cut which will accommodate the double tracked S & C The yards tracks throughout their length of nearly two miles will lie in almost straight lines

The B & O improvements necessitated the relocation of the public road crossing the S & C near the farm of Attorney J Calvin Lowry and this road has been replaced with a scientifically graded cinder highway The old road is one of the worst in Somerset township and was almost impassable in the spring of the year.

FUEL ECONOMY

Northern Pacific Expert Illustrates Savings in Dollars and Cents

George T Conley of St Paul special instructor of the mechanical department of the Northern Pacific Railway Company who is in the Northwest to deliver a series of illustrated lectures to firemen engineers and others in the employ of the road with a view to greater economy in the use of fuel said in the course of an interview at Spokane Wash that 2 906 188 tons of coal was used for 37 810 361 locomotive miles operated in 1911 The cost of the fuel alone was $3 000 000 Continuing he said

If the company could have saved one shovelful of coal per locomotive mile it would have made a difference of $738 000 in the coal bill in 1911 while a scoopful saved from each ton would have meant a saving of $50 000 This can be accomplished by light and more frequent firing thus using all the properties for heat in the coal The average coal should evaporate gallon of water to the pound making it into steam to furnish power

The hydro carbon gases represent from 35 to 50 per cent of the heat values of coal and the black smoke issuing from the funnels of the engines represents the unburned carbon of the gases and represents a loss of 14 500 British thermal units to the pound

We show in our demonstrations to the firemen and engineers that when oxygen is admitted in its proper proportions the fuel elments will combine and the smoke will be colorless This shows that when there is a quantity of black smoke improper combustion takes place indicating an over supply of coal in the firebox

'The locomotive companies are drafting our engines according to specifications and we show the men that they are limited to a certain amount of air and where they add coal beyond a certain limit they produce these hydro-carbon gases which are light and pass off wasted for the want of air

Mr Conley travels in a special car and his course is in three lectures as follows The Chemistry of Combustion" "The Properties of Coal" and "More Efficiency From Light and Frequent Firing The instructor who is a graduate of the University of Minnesota spent five years as a fireman and five years as an engineer on the Northern Pacific road previous to taking charge of the new department which was organized by the Northern Pacific Railway Co in April 1911

Wabash Orders Freight Cars

CHICAGO March 27 —The Wabash has placed an order for 1 900 coal and box cars Of these the American Car & Foundry Company will build 1 200 Haskell Barker 500 and the Standard Steel Car Company 200 The Wabash it is expected will place an additional order this week An inquiry for 2 000 box cars has been sent out by the Atlantic Coast Line.

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NEW RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION TO COST CANADA $115,000,000

Greater Part of Work, Measured by Expenditure to be Done by Canadian Pacific

New railroad construction work involving expenditure of approximately $115 000 000 has been projected in the Canadian West for the current calendar year by the three Canadian transcontinental lines Active work will be commenced on this huge program as soon as weather and ground conditions allow

The greater part of this work measured by the expenditure involved will be done by the Canadian Pacific Railway That road has definitely decided on the construction of some 460 miles of new branch line station buildings bridges etc at a cost of about $45 000 000 This amount will be more than doubled if Canadian Pacific decides to double track from Winnipeg to Vancouver as Vice President Bury a short time ago intimated was likely to be done

Mr Bury estimates the cost of double tracking at $60 000 000 and says that the company realizes that it will have genuine need for the additional facilities before two more summers have gone by His estimate is based in all likelihood on the prospective haul to Pacific ports following the opening of the Panama canal of the bulk of the western export grain This grain has hitherto been shipped eastward via the Great Lakes and Montreal to Liverpool and other distributing ports causing an increasingly heavy congestion each year at all lake trans-shipping ports Thus it may be said with reasonable accuracy that it devolved upon the Panama canal to solve the grain congestion problem that for several years has confronted the Dominion and its railroads

Construction of the 460 miles of Canadian Pacific's projected branch lines together with main line improvements and Pacific coast terminal facilities to cost $45 000 000 will be financed in part by the proceeds of the $18 000 000 common stock sold a short time ago and by the sale in London of between £5 000 000 and £5 000 000 of consolidated debenture stock Part of the construction work included in the current program was projected two years ago but was temporarily set aside Provision for financing it however was made at the time by the sale of £4 250 000 of debenture stock

A little less than half of the remainder of the $115 000 000 expenditure or about $30 000 000 will be made by the Grand Trunk Pacific in completing its lines between Athabasca river 1 027 miles west of Winnipeg and the coast and erecting stations merchandise storage warehouses and terminal facilities A considerable part of this work was taken care of financially by the recent issuance of £5 000 000 of 4% perpetual debenture stock Indications are that before the year is concluded additional financing will be done in order to complete the line by the end of 1914

Canadian Northern will spend between $2[illegible] 000 000 and $30 000 000 on new construction work this year a considerable part of which will remain in the central section of Canada and at Montreal where work on a large terminal station to cost about $25 000 000 will be commenced in May This year's share of the terminal construction cost will amount to about $2 000 000 Canadian Northern is actively pushing its line across the country between Montreal and Port Arthur Its main efforts will be concentrated there this year although according to Vice President Hanna construction of the line to connect Alberta with the Pacific coast will not be allowed to lag

The remaining $8 000 000 to $10 000 000 of the $115 000 000 program will be consumed in the construction and improvement of rail lines chiefly in the province of British Columbia and on preliminary construction work on the Hudson Bay railroad from La Pas on the Canadian Northern northeast to Fort Nelson This road the government estimates will cost about $2 000 000 and of this amount about $3 000 000 will be expended during the first eight months following the commencement of work in June next

GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR THE ANTHRACITE COAL MINES

President White Insists Work Will Suspend Unless Operators Grant Demands

CLEVELAND March 25 —John P White President of the United Mine Workers of America said yesterday

The situation in the anthracite field remains unchanged We feel that the operators have broken off negotiations by refusing to consider our propositions

Their ultimatum naturally ended any discussion for how could the miners enter into any debate with a verdict already entered against them a decision taken that precluded any consideration of their demands?

It would be absurd unless we were willing to yield to the contention of the operators which we have no intention of doing Renewed negotiations are up to the operators Beginning April 1 there will be no work as the contract expires March 31

Insistent claims for recognition of the union by anthracite operators together with flat predictions that not a pick will swing in the hard coal fields after April 1 unless the operators give in or their refusal to grant the demands of the men

ENGINEERS OF B. & O. WORK AT MEYERSDALE

Surveyors Open Office Up the Line May Complete Plans For Tunnel

MEYERSDALE March 27 —A corps of B & O surveyers arrived here yesterday and are fitting up the second floor of the Miller & Collins block as offices Just what they have been sent here for is not known but many venture a guess that they are here to complete the plans and prepare the work for the low grade freight spur and classification yards that the engineers were working on all last fall and summer

Should this work be carried forward it will necessitate the construction of the long tunnel through the Allegheny range to start in at a point near Glade City less than two miles east of this place

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Mar. 23, 1912.

Tota. Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P O Address.
253	184	Acme	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
50	40	Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
87	40	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
966	230	Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
297	160	Bakewley	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
182	150	Bentley	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
170		Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
300	40	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
86		Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240	250	Brinkerton.	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
298	120	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30		Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant.
280	45	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
12		Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	63	Central	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
64		Chester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
150	150	Clare.	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
108	80	Clarissa.	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dawson
120	120	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
325	310	Continental No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	230	Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
233	213	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
230	130	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	10	Ellen No 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Ellen No 2	Whye Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
218	11	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
125	123	Fort Hill.	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
50	50	Franklin.	R F Keister & Co.	Scottdale.
101		Gilmore.	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
160	118	Grace	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	270	Hecla No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Hester	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Morgantown
60		Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
355	300	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	2.6	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Junction.	Marietta-Ganier Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
306	306	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
499	450	Leisenring No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
496	4.0	Leisenring No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	470	Leisenring No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	304	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	30	Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
350	50	Lemont No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
32		Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Maree	Maree Coke Co	Uniontown
510	4.0	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	300	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
27	25	Marion	Marion Coke Co	Connellsville
165	117	Morgan	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
371	272	Mt. Braddock	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
810	3.0	Mt Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg, Pa
195	11	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
329	320	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
252	252	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
323	220	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
450	221	Oliver No. 2.	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	223	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
218	60	Painter	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	47	Paul	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
25		Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville
15		Percy	Marietta & Sullivan	Percy
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50		Rainey	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
446	401	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
640	338	Revere	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
25		Sapper	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
110	5	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co.	Dunbar
42		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
96	96	Shirley	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
443	342	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
625	457	Southwest No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	167	Southwest No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	170	Southwest No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
903	586	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
60	0	Sterling No 2.	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
15		Stewart.	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
135		Summit	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40		Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
45		Tip Top	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
464	464	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50		Union	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
360	230	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	100	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran.	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
200	110	White.	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
352	352	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	200	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	390	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	241	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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COAL TRADE BOOMING WITH THE SUPPLY INADEQUATE

Premium is Being Paid For Fuel and There is Great Difficulty in Making Deliveries

Anthracite trade is still booming with demand entirely beyond capacity of producers to supply In all markets a premium is being paid for coal without any apparent effect in diminishing demand Leading producers are still compelled to restrict limit in acceptance of orders and to allot coal rather than make real deliveries to their customers Anthracite roads are all short of equipment as they cannot get cars back from connecting lines and this necessitates the closing of collieries for lack of cars when every pound of their output would find a ready and even a waiting market

In the Lehigh region number of miners have practically closed their collieries this week because some non union men who work with them refused to wear union buttons Such tactics do not serve to popularize the union with that portion of the public which is anxious to be supplied with coal

Every producer is mining and shipping every ton of coal possible and production for the month is heavy notwithstanding difficulties encountered The operators committee has definitely refused to concede the demands of the miners and have offered to continue the present arrangement for three years The operators set forth the advantages of the present plan with a good deal of force and backed their arguments with convincing facts and figures The miners on Thursday replied to the answer of the operators Retailers are having great difficulty in getting coal They are far behind with orders and though they can get high prices they find themselves unable to supply the demand

REBATERS ARE FINED

Cleveland Judge Fines $123 000 as the Penalty

CLEVELAND March 25 —The six dock companies and four railroads indicted by the Federal grand jury here last April for rebating pleaded guilty before Judge Killits in Federal court here today and were assessed fines totaling $123 000

The railroads pleading guilty were Pennsylvania the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Pittsburg & Lake Erie and [illegible] The dock companies were Angeline Dock Company Mahoning & Shenango Dock Company Ohio & Western Pennsylvania Dock Company Lake Erie Dock Company Ashtabula Dock Company and the Pittsburg & Conneaut Dock Company

D I McCabe of Pittsburg fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Dan R Hanna and [illegible] Ireland of Cleveland respectfully president and general manager of the M A Hanna & Company oil and iron ore were indicted with the ten corporations for conspiracy to rebate Following recommendation of the Interstate Commerce Commission the indictments against these three men were nolled when the incorporated defendants pleaded guilty

It is understood that the railroads will take over the dock companies which formerly operated ostensibly as independent corporations but which are actually controlled by the railroads

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Apropos of the impending strike facilities for accumulating surplus supplies are of interest Eliminating the storage facilities in yards and on piers at seaboard or lake points (for which there are no figures) it is estimated that the storage capacities of the principal operating anthracite companies are as follows in long tons

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Reading	1 10 000
Pennsylvania (Susquehanna Coal Co)	880 000
Erie (Pennsylvania Coal Co)	56 000
Central R R of New Jersey (Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Co)	560 000
Delaware & Hudson	410 000
Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co	340 000
Lackawanna Coal Co	200 000
Ontario & Western	190 000
Total	5 790 000

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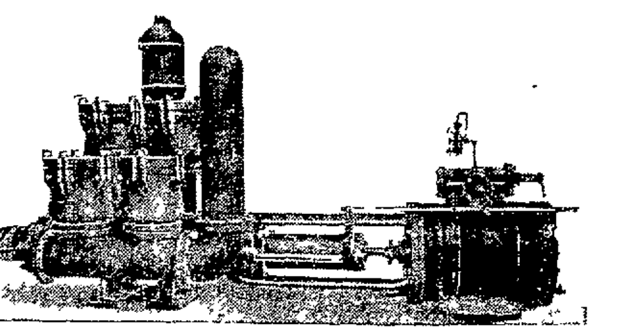

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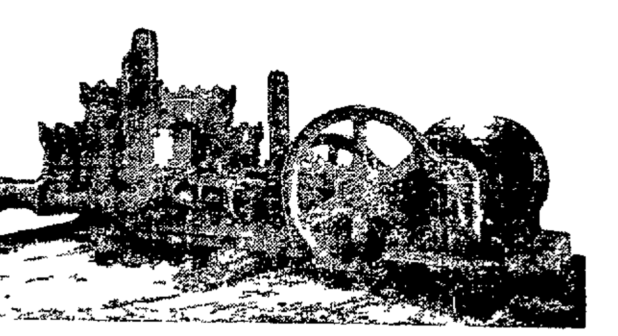

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DEPRECIATION OF STEEL CORPORATION

From Date of Organization Nearly $600,000,000 Has Been Allowed.

LESS THAN HALF FOR FUNDS

Over $300,000,000 Has Been Spent in Ordinary Repairs—Millions Expended For New Construction in Eleven Years—Capacity Almost Doubled.

The United States Steel Corporation since organization has made charges against gross income for depreciation of a total of $595,619,000. Of that amount $291,619,000 was for depreciation and sinking funds and $304,000,000 for ordinary repairs. That the Steel Corporation has made liberal allowances for depreciation is evident from the fact that charges for that purpose have increased every year. As an example, in 1901 the ration of depreciation charges to property account was 1.8% whereas last year it was 4.3%. In the preceding year the amount charged off was equivalent to 5% on property account but it will be remembered that the Steel Corporation's mill and furnace operations were much greater in 1910 than in 1911. The shrinkage in production of minerals was also large particularly iron ore, the Steel Corporation shipping only 19,033,000 tons in 1911, compared with 25,246,000 tons in the preceding year.

In consideration of the Steel Corporation's investment in fixed property and the fact that a large proportion of this investment is in iron ore, fuel, and other minerals which is being exhausted at a rate probably not more than 2% a year, together with the large amount of capital invested in railroads, steamships, etc., the conclusion could be reached that depreciation allowances have been fair. In this connection it is interesting to note that Commissioner of Corporations Herbert Knox Smith in his report on the Steel Corporation holds that depreciation charges have been entirely too large.

The following table gives the aggregate allowances from gross income for depreciation, together with the per cent of such allowances to property account from time of organization to date, to cover deterioration arising from wear and tear of improvements, exhaustion of minerals and obsolescence:

Year	Total	Per cent deprec to prop acct
1911	$ 62,930,000	4.3
1910	71,197,000	5.0
1909	64,349,000	4.3
1908	49,350,000	3.3
1907	67,857,000	4.7
1906	64,565,000	4.7
1905	54,046,000	3.8
1904	36,207,000	2.6
1903	51,293,000	3.7
1902	48,814,000	2.7
1901	25,969,000	1.8
Total	$595,619,000	

From date of organization to December 31 last the United States Steel Corporation has spent for additional property and construction and for net unabsorbed outlays for stripping and development work at the mines, etc., more than $410,000,000, a sum more than $60,000,000 in excess of the present market valuation of the common stock.

The following table gives the amount the Steel Corporation has spent for new construction, etc., from organization to date:

Year	New Construction
1911	$ 49,430,861
1910	53,191,221
1909	53,553,179
1908	19,432,697
1907	66,931,252
1906	32,155,146
1905	24,335,408
1904	17,907,946
1903	31,042,135
1902	16,586,531
1901	16,956,868
Total	$411,853,244

As a result of this enormous outlay for new construction, acquisitions, etc., the Steel Corporation has practically doubled its capacity which now stands at about 14,200,000 tons a year, based upon the contention in the annual report that sales of finished steel last year represented only 67% of the full normal capacity of the plants.

The new increased value the Steel Corporation has added to property in the way of undivided surplus expenditures and appropriations for new construction, etc., aggregated a total of nearly $335,000,000, equivalent to $66 a share on the common stock. This total it may be said represents the actual value added to assets from income and has no bearing on depreciation and sinking funds. Neither is there taken into consideration the large appreciation in new iron ore deposits uncovered as result of surveys and exploration.

Actual additions to property assets on December 31, 1911 amounted to $334,969,217.

Notwithstanding that the United States Steel Corporation has practically doubled its capacity since organization there has been no change to speak of in the way of increased fixed charges. As a matter of fact the preferred dividend and interest payments of the Steel Corporation are today approximately $1,130,000 less than they were in 1902. This decrease is largely the result of the conversion of $150,000,000 7% preferred stock into a similar amount of 5% bonds. Through this transaction there was a saving of $3,000,000 a year, representing the difference of 2% yearly between the 5% on the bonds and the 7% on the stock converted. But in this connection it is interesting to note that had there been no conversion of stock into bonds there would have been an increase of only $1,800,000 in outstanding bonds, purchase money, mortgage bills payable and rental charges. So far this year the Steel Corporation as result of continued low prices has not been able to make up any of the ground lost in 1911. With a continuation of the present volume of business, and prices averaging $2 a ton above what they were in 1911, the corporation would be able to show for 1912 a surplus of more than $20,000,000 after the payment of the regular 7 per cent dividend on the preferred stock and 5 per cent on the common.

MAY AVOID WALKOUT OF THE BITUMINOUS MINERS

Men May Be Induced to Remain at Work While Negotiations Are Pending

PITTSBURG, March 23.—With the adjournment of the joint conference of 64 bituminous coal miners and operators at Cleveland last night visibly far asunder in regard to any wage agreement the tension of the public mind approaches its acutest stage. The whole question of a strike is admitted on all sides to rest exclusively with the miners and plans to avert the sequel now apparently inevitable are confessed to be of useless formation however philanthropic, shrewd or potent their endeavors may otherwise be. Only one chance for escaping a prolonged cessation of work with the consequent calamities of various kinds and degrees is said to exist.

From the highest type of a news source it is learned that when the policy committee of 45 members of the United Mine Workers of America meet in Cleveland next Monday a resolution will be introduced of this general tenor. That the committee recommends to the membership of the entire order that the miners continue work pending efforts to adjust all differences; that any agreement reached at any time during this continued attempt to compose these disagreements shall be submitted to a referendum of all the locals; adjustment be ratified its terms shall become operative as if of the date of April 1, 1912.

This policy committee comprises miners from all over Canada, New Brunswick and other provinces not within the Dominion besides all the United States. The informant insisted that it was absolutely useless to speculate on any negotiations, compromises or agreement that might be effected through the instrumentality of this high joint commission which has the power to advise the executive heads of the United Mine Workers.

CONSERVATIVES WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO BLOCK BILL

Will Not Precipitate a Crisis by Aiding in Government Embarrassment.

LONDON, England, March 22.—That the Conservative members of Parliament will content themselves with voicing their protest against the minimum wage scale bill designed to settle the great strike and will not be parties to any contention to kill it, thus defeating the government and precipitating a Parliamentary crisis was demonstrated today.

After Premier Asquith had explained in the House of Commons that he had been forced to reject the labor members amendment fixing the minimum wage rate at five shillings for the men and two shillings for the boy workers because the miners opposed fixing the minimum amount of work for a day's labor and also because it would establish a dangerous precedent which would be followed by demands from other trades for similar action, he received unexpected support from Bonar Law. Law is the leader of the Conservatives, selected when former Premier Balfour asked to be released from the floor management.

An amendment fixing the minimum wage scale at five and two shillings for men and boys respectively was finally defeated without division.

OLIGARCHIC COMMISSION

The Canadian Railway Commission Has Much Power

NEW YORK, March 25.—There are surely some very mistaken notions extant regarding the powers of the Canadian Railway Commission, says a member of a Stock Exchange house interested in Canadian securities. Few people seem to understand that the Commission has direct and absolute power and in some respects is more autocratic in its position and its dispositions than is the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Canada's Commission can tell any railway what rates to charge and not to charge and can and will do this on the formal application of a shipper alleging unfairness. We have proof of this in the investigation of rates now under way at Ottawa. The Commission has sole say as to classification of shipments. It can order new construction work on bridge and line to replace what it deems faulty or unsafe or inadequate. It dictates the number of cars to be alloted to industrial communities, adoption of safety appliances, manning of freight trains, number of hours these men are at work, etc., and it does all these things with the law in back of it and with autocratic decision.

Of course railroads have the opportunity to appeal on matters of law from any decision the Commission may make to the Supreme Court of Canada but every appeal made is not taken as a matter of right but as a matter of grace on the part of the Commission.

FUTURE FOR STEEL

Gradual Improvement in Business Expected and a Boom Predicted

NEW YORK, March 25.—A well known steel authority returned from a trip through Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois recently says of steel conditions in the middle west:

"From indications in the Pittsburg and Chicago districts I look for gradual improvement in the steel trade through the remainder of the current year and when 1913 is reached I look for a boom in steel such as we have not had in years. Prices will be gradually advanced through this year until the first two months of next year should see them again on a normal basis. This will have an agreeable effect on orders as it usually does and steel companies should do a record business.

I found that general business there was as good as it has been even in the best years since 1906 and nothing to warrant pessimistic feeling that seems to prevail in some parts."

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Mar. 23, 1912.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P O Address.
40		Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
200	160	Alicia	W Harry Brown	South Brownsville
107		Allison No 1	W J Rainey	New York
40		An ca	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
139	88	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
20		Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Brier Hill
20		Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	44	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
426	426	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
24	2[illegible]	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	[illegible]	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]		Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	300	Colonial No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	[illegible]	Colonial No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	240	Colonial No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
142	120	Cyrilla	Locke Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
[illegible]	[illegible]	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	250	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
162	162	Donald No 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	240	Donald No 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
160	160	Donald No 3	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Dunn	The Bl[illegible] Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	[illegible]	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
149	[illegible]	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
192	[illegible]	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
[illegible]	32	Emery	South Fayette Coke Co	Masontown
[illegible]	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
32		Finley	Jas Byrne & Co	Uniontown
470	350	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Scottdale
220	220	Francis No 1	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Francis No 2	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
50	70	Fratts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
120	80	Garwood	Aetna Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
400	200	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
52		Hilltop	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
74	74	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
100	90	Hustead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Isabella	Isabella Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140	110	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	191	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
462	420	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
616	[illegible]	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Uniontown
470	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	[illegible]	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
64	64	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	204	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown, O
202	80	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co	Leetonia, Ohio
[illegible]	200	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Mt. Hope	Mt Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
60		Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co	Star Junction
30		Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co	Newcomer
60	60	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
460	400	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
168	168	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72		Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
120	120	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Outcrop
350	350	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	297	Royal	W J Rainey	New York, N Y
30	30	Sackett	H R Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
278	[illegible]	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	[illegible]	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
[illegible]	210	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
400	400	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	350	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
297	97	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
394	[illegible]	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
500	500	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	500	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
76	76	Wineland	Banning Connellsville Coke Co	Banning
100		Yukon	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown

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DISCOVERY OF IRON ORE AWAKENS MUCH INTEREST

But Steel Men Want to Be Shown Before Taking Stock in Fulton County Claim

PITTSBURG, March 22.—Mining engineers and steel manufacturers in Pittsburg were naturally interested the other day in the reports that an immense deposit of the highest grade of iron ore in Fulton county, "conservatively estimated at more than a billion tons has been found in the heart of Pennsylvania and that the discovery might revolutionize the steel industry of America." Publicity writers dilated at length on the obvious influence such a find could exert on the industrial situation. The tone of incredulity noticeable seemed to rest not upon the chemical analysis of red hematite but upon a possible gross exaggeration of the extent of the ore beds.

At the local offices of the United States Steel Corporation all information was declined and respectfully referred to New York headquarters. At Jones & Laughlins amazement was freely expressed over the reports of such a colossal find such a marvelous bringing of a Mesaba range into Pennsylvania. All efforts were futile that sought to discover something about the career of J. N. Crossland, the engineer of New Florence who is the reputed discoverer of what is described as eclipsing the find of gold in Sutter's sluice in California in 1849 or thereabouts.

WILL STAND FIRM

Bituminous Operators Insist Upon a Wage Reduction

CLEVELAND, O., March 20.—Operators of bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois will adhere to their demand for a reduction in the wages paid their mine workers. Formal announcement of their attitude was made late today after a conference of 32 operators, eight from each State named.

"We will stand by the proposal we made at Indianapolis some time ago," said J. C. Kolson of Terre Haute, Ind., spokesman for the conference. "We can see no reason why we should change our position."

At the Indianapolis conference the operators agreed that they would demand a decrease of the wage paid for mining a ton of lump coal. The present wage is 5 cents. The operators say it should be 85 cents. The mine workers are demanding $1.0?.

The mine workers held no preliminary conference today though a number have arrived. John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was among those belated though he was expected during the night.

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ATCHISON'S CAR INQUIRY THE LARGEST IN THE MARKET

Bids Sought For 1,275 Cars—Baldwin Locomotive Works Orders Aggregate $3,000,000

Atchison's inquiry for 1,275 cars is the largest active inquiry for equipment in market at present. This inquiry asks for bids on the following: 1,250 box, 1,000 refrigerator, 1,000 steel flat, 200 furniture, 200 tank and 75 work cars, 15 smoking coaches, 10 combination passenger and mail coaches, 6 hair cars, 14 three compartment cars and 1 combination passenger and baggage car.

Walsh has ordered about ... locomotives sent to the Lima Locomotive Company's shops at Lima, Ohio for repairs.

In the past two weeks the Baldwin Locomotive works has taken orders for 125 locomotives to cost about $3,000,000. This total includes an order from Atchison for 70 locomotives from the Harriman roads for 37, Western Maryland for 10 and Norfolk & Western for 6. Several other orders for locomotives are included.

NATIONAL STEEL AND WIRE

Suit Filed in Supreme Court by English Stockholders Alleging Fraud

A suit was filed in the New York Supreme Court charging that Henry P. Huntington as a member of the executive committee and a voting trustee of the National Steel & Wire Company and the late Everett Webster as President fraudulently misrepresented the affairs of that company in the so called annual report of June 1, 1901 in order to further the sale of the steel.

It is asked that a voting trust agreement whereby the stock was converted to the Consolidated Nail & Wire Company be set aside.

Edward I. Shellenberger was a member of the executive committee responsible for the report. The plaintiffs are mainly English stockholders.

ANTHRACITE LABOR PROBLEM

Principal Operators Deny Engaging Strikebreakers

In connection with the rumors that the anthracite operators are preparing for possible suspension by engaging strikebreakers to go to the coal fields the Operators' Committee authorizes the following:

The statements some of which have been published to the effect that the operators are engaging outside labor or guns in possible suspension or strike has no foundation in fact as far as the principal operators are concerned.

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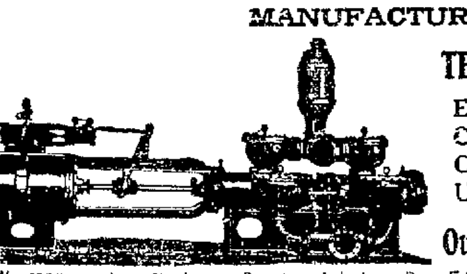

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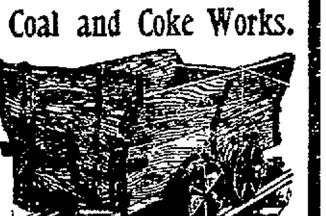

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Mine prop. Harry Locke, Baltimore, Maryland. No. 1,0?1,745.

Rotary tipple for use in discharging coal or other mineral from hatch or cars or the like. Joseph Dolds, Glasgow, Scotland. No. 1,020,173.

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Safety apparatus for supporting mine cages or the like. Charles Dick, Frederick Lambert and Richard Stables, Kimberley, South Africa. No. 1,020,486.

Mining apparatus. Elmer J. Kellum, Don Luis, Arizona. No. 1,020,6?.

Machine for picking, breaking and operating on ice, coal, or similar other substances. Anderson ... Judson, New York, N. Y. No. 1,020,6?.

Rotating and feeding machine for drill bits. Lester C. Hardsock, Ottumwa, Iowa. No. 1,020,30?.

WELCOME RAINFALL

With Plenty of Water Power Factory Owners Feel Independent

Cotton manufacturers in New England and hydro-electric concerns and municipal officials generally ... ... welcoming the heavy rainfall which has occurred during the season on account of its bettering ... water supplies. A director of a prominent cotton mill consolidation says that the water power development has made many of the larger mills more independent of coal supplies and the streams in their present and prospective condition would enable mills to run for a considerable length of time without any serious inconvenience.

New England mills make larger use of anthracite and the mills south of Pennsylvania are more dependent on the bituminous variety. But many southern mills have made rapid advances in hydro-electric power and with wet and late spring such as this will be able to do more for them ... to a much greater extent than in any ... within the past half decade.

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DEMAND OF ENGINEERS IS REJECTED BY RAILROADS

President Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood Says Trouble is Not Threatened

NEW YORK, March 2?.—Stating that the present rate of wages are as high as the traffic will bear and that the railroads are financially unable to bear the increased expenses involved the conference committee of managers of the 50 railroads in the district east of Chicago and north of the Ohio river today rejected the demand of the locomotive engineers for wage increases averaging 17 per cent.

Warren S. Stone of Cleveland, head of the engineers brotherhood, after reading the committee's reply stated that the conference would be resumed and that there was no immediate danger of any labor trouble. In its reply the committee stated the increased demands would add annually $7,063,73?.?4 to the roads operating expenses.

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THE PERIODICAL AWAKENING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The officers and directors of the Connellsville Chamber of Commerce are seeking the rejuvenation of that useful organization on lines new and original. Sensible citizens will find no fault with their methods if they accomplish the desired result, and in the meantime they will be willing to lend their aid in promoting them.

The Chamber of Commerce should not need a periodical awakening. It should never fall asleep on the job. Institutions of this character however are prone to somnolence or what is worse dissensions that breed actual dissolution. If every citizen would bear in mind the fact that the work of the Chamber of Commerce is for the benefit of the city as a whole and that he shares incidentally in such benefits he would be better able to appreciate the fact that in supporting the Chamber of Commerce he is only supporting himself.

The officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce to a large extent necessarily work in secret. It is all the more imperative therefore that they at all times and upon every occasion studiously avoid even the appearance of using their public positions for the advancement of their private interests. Moreover they should be alert active aggressive. The landing of one industry should not be the signal to sit down and take a rest until something else turns up but rather the incentive to go forth again and turn something else up.

Above all the Chamber of Commerce should avoid sophomeric discussions of impracticable questions. The object of the organization is the advancement of the business interests of Connellsville. It should never attempt to usurp the functions of municipal government or the duties of accredited agencies of morality. It should be a builder, not a meddler.

Such a Chamber of Commerce deserves and should receive the loyal and liberal support of every Connellsville citizen in just proportion to his means and opportunities.

Interstate Commerce

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided that railroads handling interstate traffic may not even with the consent and approval of State Railway Commissions make lower rates on traffic within the State than they charge to equidistant destinations without the State this on the ground that it is an admission of the right of the State to limit and prescribe the flow of commerce between the States.

In spite of the fact that this decision plainly rests upon the Constitution some of the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission dissented from it on the ground that the Commission in making it without additional legislation transcends its authority.

No commission or court or any other branch of the government can possibly transcend its authority or stand in need of additional legislation to justify its acts so long as those acts have the authority of the Constitution.

National Convention Delegates

The primary ambitions have all been recorded. Some of them came in at the eleventh hour notably those of Josiah V. Thompson and Allen F. Cooper, candidates for delegates to the Republican National Convention. They do not request that their Presidential preference be expressed on the ballot. It is not necessary. They will represent the people of this Congressional district with fidelity as well as with credit.

They will be opposed by candidates running on a labeled Roosevelt ticket. The issue will therefore be squarely before the people of this district in a manner practically the same as that which Colonel Roosevelt has persistently demanded. While Candidates Thompson and Cooper are not running on a Presidential preference ticket they are universally understood to be for President Taft's renomination and against the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt for a Third Term.

Neither Colonel Roosevelt nor Field Marshal Flinn can have any objections to the manner of choosing national delegates in this district.

As a matter of fact there is very little Roosevelt sentiment in Pennsylvania and it is growing less every day. His cause was taken up by defeated and discredited leaders and gathered its support chiefly from this crowd of down-and-outers headed by Pittsburg's notorious ex-Boss. The more this fact is realized the smaller Roosevelt sentiment grows.

Considering the legacy of political trouble left him by President Roosevelt it is the verdict of intelligent citizenship that President Taft has made an excellent President, and that in accordance with custom and the dictates of wisdom he should be chosen to serve another term when even better work may be expected from him.

The Fayette county Republicans who feel that way will vote for Candidates Thompson and Cooper for national delegates and for such delegates to the State Convention as are known to favor the choice of Taft delegates at-large.

The Voice of the People

Colonel Roosevelt is making a brave showing, but the results are sadly discouraging to his Third Term ambitions. Perhaps one of the worst rebuffs his candidacy has received was the result of the Presidential primary in North Dakota. The New York Sun, commenting on the fact, says:

"It is all very well to find excuses for North Dakota, but the ignoble depths to which that commonwealth has sunk cannot be condoned. Here was the very heart of the cow country, the 'home' district of the Colonel, the whorl of progress, the hope of ages. And she has kicked over the primary pail and stampeded hell bent for 'another.'

"We shall be glad to hear of the blizzard which chilled the shins of countless loyal souls that kept them from the polls, also to hear of the countless Democrats who disguised themselves as Republicans to do the Colonel to death. There is much sad truth of general application in both these thoughts. The number of voters who can improvise a blizzard to ignore a direct primary has never been even estimated. And the pleasant practice of shifting votes to lead your enemy astray is one of the happy incidents without which no direct primary is complete.

"But these excuses cannot help the Colonel or North Dakota. The voice of the direct primary is the voice of GOD. T. R. himself has spoken. And now North Dakota has spoken. We can only turn our backs upon this degrading spectacle of spontaneous and perfidious combustion among the plain people."

Colonel Roosevelt and his supporters have been vociferously demanding the direct primary as the only honest way of ascertaining the Voice of the People. The People of North Dakota have Spoken.

Can't Lose William

The Honorable William Jennings Bryan has issued his ultimatum to the Nebraska Democrats. If they declare for Harmon Bryan declares that he will refuse to serve as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention from his State but that he will go to Baltimore as a private citizen to lend his aid to encompassing the defeat of Harmon, whom he charges with being an emissary of Wall Street.

The once Peerless One is willing to remain so and there is a suspicion that his visit to the Baltimore Convention will not be so much to defeat Harmon as to nominate Bryan. Under the Democratic rule it requires a majority of two thirds of the whole convention to nominate and this rule can safely be depended upon to prevent any nomination on the first and possibly on succeeding ballots until hopelessly embroiled the delegates are stampeded to the Original and Only Democratic Dark Horse.

The Democratic party can't lose William.

The Vernal Equinox

In theory the vernal equinox ushers in spring with bright sunshine and balmy air its green grass and beautiful flowers. In practise it does not. We have a sad example before us. The vernal equinox this year was ushered in by one of the most violent rain storms that has visited this section in years with the prospect of a week of blustery winter weather.

If the ancient and honorable prophecy concerning March can be saved from serious disrepute the weather man will have to change his brand pretty soon. In the meantime it might be well to remember that March weather is notoriously uncertain.

Modern Town Building

Connellsville has made some progress in the world but she has rarely been the creature of circumstance; her advancement has been due to the public spirit of her citizens in pushing her forward.

These boosts have been frequent and often strenuous but they have lacked sustained effort. The community like the churches needs an occasional revival meeting to keep the spirit alive. Our Chamber of Commerce is having such a revival now. It has secured the aid of commercial evangelists of experience to help conduct the campaign. It aims at a membership of 500 and a treasury fortified against deficits. It proposes to employ an experienced secretary at a liberal salary to be the active representative of the city in the great work of its upbuilding and advancement.

There will be those who will say that this is a waste of money; that Connellsville has natural advantages which will attract manufacturing industries without the aid of high priced agents; that as we have grown so shall we continue to grow like the small boy in spite of ourselves. Not necessarily. Few towns now grow in spite of themselves. There are too many other towns being boosted by modern methods. The competition for the location of industries has grown apace. To secure these industries we must not only offer superior inducements but we must have an agent at hand ready to seek out the promoters and personally present the attractions we have to offer.

Back of him must be a Chamber of Commerce composed of the representative citizens of Connellsville, ever ready to meet any reasonable and proper demands upon their time and resources.

Fulton County Iron Ore

The alleged discovery of an immense body of red hematite ore in Fulton county is possible but not probable. The United States Steel Corporation to whom it is said to have been offered for sale by the owners will have to be shown by actual tests the presence and extent of the vein.

The iron ores of Pennsylvania are extensive. While they run much lower in pure iron than the Lake ores they have been worked with profit in times past and may prove to be a valuable natural resource in times to come.

Lebanon county's mountain of ore iron may be reproduced in Fulton county, but the theory will not be accepted as a fact until the back of the deposit has been thoroughly scratched.

While Morgantown is considering the installation of the meter system in its municipal water plant it has discovered that its pumping facilities are not sufficient and that it will be necessary to install another pump and let the water rates remain as they are. One of the chief difficulties about public ownership of public utilities is the difficulty of properly financing them.

Stubbs and Flinn have disclosed their political rewards. Doll Johns hasn't declared himself yet.

The Johnstown Democrat denies a recent statement in The Courier to the effect the Democrats of Pennsylvania are trying to get together and imparts the startling information that they have been united since 1910. With two rival State organizations we must be pardoned for doubting the judgment of our esteemed contemporary. Its veracity we will not challenge. Another fact which confirms our suspicion is the summary manner in which our militant and rather exclusive Democratic contemporary reads out of the Democratic party the Guffeys, the Brennens, the Halls, the Dewalts, the Ritters, the Donnellys and the Ryans. It is probable that the Democrats of Pennsylvania are more united in their disunion than in their union.

The Washington Observer says coal is coming back as a domestic fuel because of the high price of natural gas. Perhaps; but if the bituminous coal strike is pulled off April 1st there won't be much choice between coal and natural gas where the latter is available.

President Taft carried Waynesburg yesterday with the aid of the women.

The Bell telephone management is putting out some strong bids for Government ownership of the telephone service. Why does the Bell company want to sell out?

Our high waters have passed, but those of the Ohio and Mississippi have just arrived.

The annual borough audit of the embryonic city of Connellsville is now in progress. When it is completed it will perhaps be better understood why the Town Council cannot grant all the petitions presented for street paving.

Greensburg gets the electric show also some better snow weather than Connellsville had.

It has been discovered that the topography of the Connellsville base ball ground has been all wrong. Now we know why Connellsville failed to win the pennant.

The vacancy in the South Connellsville Board of Health has been filled by the Burgess. If we remember correctly the Burgess has nothing to do with filling vacancies in the Board of Health. That is the duty of the President of the Town Council and his appointments are subject to the approval of the Town Council.

The car supply of the country is barely holding its own. This sounds satisfactory but in practise it is not for the reason that some sections are short of cars and others have a surplus.

T. Roosevelt has nothing on W. Taft when it comes to apt expressions. The President announces that he does not believe in soap box primaries.

If Connellsville had a few more members of the Home family perhaps we might have reached 15,000 population in the census of 1910.

The Pittsburg trade boomers will be with us once again.

The Baldmore road is not usually lonely enough for the operations of hold up men. A few more weeks will usher in the spring and with it weather when the Baldmore road and Wills road will be popular thoroughfares.

The busy burglar ought to get a job at the mines or the ovens. He can make more there and make it honestly.

The West Penn's extension to Latrobe will pretty thoroughly cover the northern portion of the Connellsville coke region. The West Penn system has been a great convenience to the coke region and a source of satisfactory profit to its owners.

In the early days Connellsville had several beautiful islands but they have all been removed or washed away save one just below the town and the recent floods are said to have left little of that. Davidson's Island was once the favorite picnic ground of Connellsville.

The maple sugar season is a little late but the crop will be just as fine as ever.

The Connellsville High School gets an extra $400 from the State for being first-class. It pays a High School to be High.

The Pennsylvania Democrats are trying hard to get together but their troubles are so complicated that it is doubtful whether they will succeed.

Steel prices are on the uplift.

Washington is getting interested in a possible coal mining strike. It is time.

The British Government is pressing its bill for a minimum mining wage but its popularity with both the operators and the miners remains in doubt.

The Washington statesmen are trying to get an adjournment of Congress in time to participate in the National Conventions but the Democrats have started so many things it's hard to choke them off.

Butler proposes to build a $25,000 market house. The town will be dry next month and all the hotels will close. The traveling public will have to feed at the market house and sleep in the streets.

Indiana always was a close State.

The Town Council insists that it cannot do street paving without money. Some of the previous administrations didn't let a little thing like that interfere with paving the streets especially those adjacent to their own property. Money was no object. Certificates of indebtedness were easy to make.

The new Chinese republic is reported to be already suffering from suffragism.

The Uniontown Herald is advised that the Indian creek dam is safe, likewise the Center of the Connellsville coke region.

Uplifter Sinclair is in England settling the coal strike.

The English Conservatives had it in mind to oppose the mining bill but they seem to have changed their minds. Good politics demanded the change. They could not afford to place themselves in the position of prolonging acute public misery.

The Good Roads Convention at Uniontown was furnished with some horrible examples by the recent deluge.

The newspaper field of Connellsville is expanding.

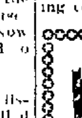
Andy Carnegie says President Taft is a sure winner and suggests that Colonel Roosevelt has been led astray by the Governors' band. Not to mention Pittsburg's reformed Boss.

The South Bethlehem by product coke plant will use Morgantown coal. The impression that the by-product oven uses poor coal and makes good coke is not quite accurate. While good by-product coke is made from coals lower in grade than Connellsville most of the coals are for all that of excellent quality good enough in themselves to make merchantable coke in the bee hive oven.

The bituminous coal conference has not reached any conclusion for the reason that neither side will accept the concessions. Such a spirit will never make a settlement.

Somerset borough authorities have composed their differences with the B. & O. and are expecting the latter to do things around the town before long. Their hopes will hardly be disappointed because of the fact that the interest and the inclination of the railroad is toward their fulfillment.

Spring inspection and spring cleaning comes at the same time.



Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1882.

The freight brakemen on the Mt. Pleasant branch of the Baltimore & Ohio have struck. Their places have been filled by new men.

Rev. K. ... Hayes of Alexandria will be the orator on Decoration Day in Connellsville.

The Southwest railroad bridge is being vermiced and repaired.

The chill blasts of the past few days will have a tendency to freeze the flood of spring pretty ...

The usual St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Connellsville were dispensed with and the money sent to the distressed in the old country.

Mrs. Manson of the Trotter works was thrown from a buggy on New Haven when the horse took fright. A couple of ribs were broken and she sustained scalp wounds.

The village of Lockwood, Somerset county ... [illegible] ... Macbeth ... June ...

FRIDAY, MARCH 2?, 1892

The Baltimore & Ohio's short line road will be completed to Morgantown by October 1 next. The West Virginia Central and the Baltimore & Ohio have just concluded a traffic arrangement under the provisions of which the latter binds itself to complete the missing link between Morgantown and Uniontown. The Baltimore & Ohio has purchased the Uniontown and Greenbrier road.

Samuel K. ... died at his residence on Green street aged ... years. He leaves a wife and three children.

All but six of the 29 who were buried alive in the Hill Farm mine two years ago were recovered. The disaster took place Jan 16, 1890. All the bodies were identified. As thought at the time death came in the form of black damp. Mine Inspector Duncan is satisfied that the men met their death by suffocation.

George Coder, night top rider in W. J. Rainey's Paul mines, was run over and instantly killed.

Joseph Keffer of near Moyer was caught beneath a tree he was felling and seriously injured. His collar bone was broken and he suffered many painful bruises.

The County Commissioners held their court of appeals here. The assessors raised the total valuation more than $100,000 over that of last year and the Commissioners boosted it 2 per cent.

At a meeting of the Democratic County Committee Grover Cleveland was declared to be the first choice for president.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1902.

Loy Hetzel was elected president of the Aeonian Literary Society of High School.

It is reported that oil has been found in Somerset county.

S. C. Wolfersberger, traveling engineer for the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio has been promoted to Superintendent of Motive Power.

The site of the Western Maryland which may ... a new direct eastern seaboard outlet for the Connellsville coke region is held up at Baltimore by politics. Engineers have surveyed a route up the West bank of the Youghiogheny river. Engineers also surveyed a branch line from New Haven to a point in Northern West Virginia before they were called in.

J. Arron has purchased two lots from the Wiltrout heirs in Connellsville township. The purchase price was $600.

Two houses are being erected by the Fayette Lumber Company on East ... street for Cliff Stillwagon.

After being knocked down by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad Mrs. Michael Colleran was able to walk home.

When S. E. Kinsbursky of Kinsbursky Brothers saw two men walking out of the store with several pairs of trousers under their overcoats he ran to the door and locked them in. Failing to find a policeman he allowed the men to go after they had purchased several dollars worth of goods.

Smoke blowing from the coke ovens so blinded Engineer Andrew H. Daugherty that he did not see an open switch. Two trainmen were seriously hurt in the wreck.

John M. Henck, a veteran of the Civil War, committed suicide on the Vanderbilt road.

OUTLINE HOW TO PUT TOWN ON MAP

Civic Pride is Urged at Chamber of Commerce Dinner Monday.

INSPIRING TALKS ARE MADE

Attorney E. C. Higbee Tells Duty of Community to Chamber of Commerce. Will L. Finch Outlines What to Do Afterwards—Campaign Opens.

An appeal for civic pride to Connellsville and the belief that the city by supporting the institution is signed logically for its ... [illegible] ... at the Chamber of Commerce Greater Connellsville dinner at the Y. M. C. A. building Monday. The program was short and to the point. It had been completed by ... [illegible]

President F. L. Markell as toastmaster called upon but three speakers and the third only to outline the general plan that has been adopted to rejuvenate the organization. The principal addresses of the evening were made by Attorney E. C. Higbee who spoke of the duty of Connellsville to its Chamber of Commerce and Will L. Finch, associate editor of Town Development, who ... [illegible] ... that duty ... [illegible] ... ization. The addresses were ... [illegible] ... short to avoid ... Mr. Finch who was for ... substitute ... [illegible]

Trefz spoke ... [illegible] ... subject.

The ... [illegible] ... from Swissertown to Bluestone ... [illegible] ... the ... [illegible] ... it will be ... [illegible] ... spirit ... [illegible] ... Connellsville ... [illegible] ... the offices on golden platters ... [illegible] ... drowning the band of party regularity in the billows of civic pride and ... [illegible] ... platitude."

As usual when Higbee speaks his own mind ... [illegible] ... night that when called upon ... [illegible] ... address he says what he thinks ... [illegible] ... regardless of whether ... [illegible]

... [illegible] ... Trefz thinks ... [illegible] ... His address was brief ... [illegible] ... he believes ... putting Connellsville on the map and keep it there.

That a civil aggressive Chamber of Commerce ... [illegible] ... advancement ... [illegible] ... was the trend of the evening's addresses. That ... organization should ... [illegible] ... community is successful unless it has ... solid backing ... [illegible] ... the city is the home ... [illegible] ... institutions ... [illegible] ... cess.

The address of Mr. Finch was built around the structure of civic pride. He spoke ... both the material and the esthetic features of successful town building and ... [illegible] ... that their duty ... [illegible] ... the new ... [illegible] ... duty of providing his employes with a town where they might ... amply educate their children ... [illegible] ... which they might have the full ... living ... opportunity for recreation and pleasure ... [illegible]

The meeting secured ... [illegible] ... hours of their time enlisting support in the ... [illegible] ... Connellsville ... was the sentiment to which they subscribe and it is to this sentiment they are to enlist others.

The failure of Mr. Trefz to attend was the only disappointing feature of the evening and this will in all probability be overcome ... [illegible] ... meeting to be addressed by him in event of his ability to fill the engagement. In the meantime ... [illegible] ... tended last evening's supper ... [illegible] ... number ... [illegible]

President F. L. Markell of the Chamber of Commerce presided ... [illegible] ... He limited his duty to introducing the three speakers ... from their introductory address ... [illegible] ... the community. The speaking followed the ample supper served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. The ladies themselves presented a surprise when they brought ice cream in the shape of coke ovens with lighted candles to make the impression more apt. The guests loved their ice cream with miniature coke ... [illegible] ... returned as souvenirs of the occasion.

... [illegible] ... Kiferle's orchestra made ... music. Just as Attorney Higbee ... [illegible] ... the room—he was a few minutes late—the orchestra sent forth the stirring strains of the "Star Spangled Banner." The audience rose to its feet in an instant and cheered the dying strains of the ... [illegible]

Frequent outbursts of applause greeted subsequent numbers on the program.

Speaking followed the ice cream after cigars had been passed. The principal address was by Will L. Finch, associate editor of Town Development who said in part:

"This new business of putting towns on the map, creating cities and developing communities is not a secret process. It is a business ... [illegible] ... work for men like you ... business and professional men. It is work that pays ... [illegible] ... and ... [illegible] ... things ... more in the ... [illegible] ... health ... [illegible] ... building ... [illegible]

"The development of a city ... [illegible] ... Connellsville ... [illegible]

"What is the matter with Connellsville? I am disappointed that I cannot ... [illegible] ... fortune ... [illegible] ... the hands of nature. It is in the ... [illegible] ... the very mother of ... [illegible] ... the town. There are valleys for industries and beautiful hills for homes and parks ... [illegible]

... [illegible] ... already have ample ... [illegible] ... many other communities ... [illegible] ... something is the matter. The town ... [illegible] ... we will discuss this evening.

"No community can exist ... [illegible] ... We must ... [illegible] ... truth during ... [illegible] ... Connellsville ... [illegible]

"What we need ... [illegible] ... city ... Chamber of Commerce ... [illegible] ... commercial club ... [illegible] ... Chamber of Commerce ... [illegible] ... subject ... [illegible]

"I like to think of a city as the ... [illegible] ... its strong ... [illegible] ... develop ... [illegible] ... development ... [illegible] ... dollars and cents ... [illegible] ... Connellsville is ... [illegible] ... With its ... [illegible] ... Connellsville ... [illegible] ... Connellsville ... [illegible] ... judicious advertising would accomplish ... [illegible] ... dollars.

... [illegible] ... opportunity for the investment of local capital.

"But we must not lose sight of the other side of the community body. It is little short of criminal to invite a manufacturer to your city to bring his employes here unless you intend to provide for them. You must aid the manufacturer to get the best possible employes and the best possible employes you can get only when they have the best chance for living. You must give the youth a good education, give them suitable play space, give the ... people ... Now is the time to ... [illegible] ... values ... [illegible] ... possible.

"We must bring home the question of duty. There is national patriotism and loyalty to the home but neither ... properly fostered unless you are loyal to your city. We must develop civic patriotism. We must hope ... [illegible] ... around us.

"What Connellsville wants is a big central organization. It is going to have it. I believe the spirit is in the ... want to call your attention to the sentiment which hangs over your head—I believe in Connellsville. I want to see every man here ... [illegible] ... Connellsville as he believes in his home, who knows his duty to his home and then to his home town. I appeal to men here to take this sentiment and adopt it. I ask them further to throw aside self interest, tear down the personal ... [illegible] ... a more beautiful sentiment of civic pride and public spirit. I am going to ask you to join me in a dry toast to Connellsville."

Mr. Finch concluded as the guests drank the toast and loudly applauded his address.

President Markell then introduced Attorney E. C. Higbee as speaking on the subject of Connellsville's Duty to Its Chamber of Commerce. He said in part:

"Notwithstanding the fact that all ... works that have been exhausted ... the past 10 years have been in the midst of Connellsville its population has shown a healthy, normal increase. It does not make any difference. Connellsville will still be—with all the ... worked out—the substantial center of business ... [illegible] ... center of population in Fayette county. To my mind the progress and material prosperity of Connellsville is a substantial and assured fact. Its growth can be accelerated and controlled but Connellsville will grow and continue to grow.

"I do not know whether this is apropos to the occasion and I want anyone who asks to know that when I am called upon to make an address I say what I think, think what I believe and believe what I please. There are two or three things Connellsville needs. I think this body which you intend to rejuvenate and extend is the center around which these things cluster and are being worked out. Notwithstanding the fact that the population has increased since 1890 about 100 per cent Connellsville is governed the same way it has been for the past 40 or 50 years.

"I pass no criticism on anybody. I was disappointed that the Supreme Court failed to hold that this borough had a right to elect city officers last fall. I am not sure that is a matter of public interest and convenience that it was not a good thing. I am not sure we yet realize what we should.

"What we need in Connellsville is for the best men in Connellsville to have the public offices. It is not a question of what a man wants but a question of him seeking it. There is scarcely ever a man who wants to go through a municipal campaign to get an office. What we need to do is carry the offices on golden platters, offer them and make the men take them.

"Let me tell you now there is but one way to accomplish this end and you can do it by drowning the wave of party regularity in the billows of civic pride and civic rectitude.

"I believe that from an organization contemplated here around the center of the material development of the community can be clustered civic pride and progress which make for good and accomplishes these things.

"It seems to me the best way Connellsville can grow is by making it the best place men and women can live. I believe that soon a manufacturer will not base his decision entirely on the price of land, railroad rates and material things but whether is the place his men can live comfortably, cheaply, have the best schools for their children where the highest moral sentiment prevails.

"Temporal and material progress is all right but there are enough people in Connellsville right now to make it a better place to live. The streets could be cleaner, the public health ... taxes lower, the police system better, the schools enlarged and extended, playgrounds erected and other things. If no other mill comes, if no other railroad is ever built the people of Connellsville without more money than they spend now can fully and more comfortably enjoy life. It is the natural right of man to live right. It is the duty of the community to provide and afford every known facility by which man has the opportunity to live right.

"Nothing can be accomplished except by public sentiment. Public sentiment will never accomplish anything unless it organizes itself. Every community should have some kind of central organization where men of all creeds and politics can unite. This movement is certainly started in the right direction. While it may not make an ideal it will make a better Connellsville."

Loud applause greeted the speech. Mr. Higbee was followed by C. C. Kirkpatrick of Chicago, one of the Town Development experts called into consultation and chief of the staff. Mr. Kirkpatrick outlined the plan by which the Chamber of Commerce is to be reorganized and called for volunteers. He said:

"The campaign will be for three days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Those who volunteer tonight will be divided into teams. Each team will have a captain. The teams and captains will meet daily in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce in the First National Bank building at 8:30 o'clock sharp. They will find ready for them a series of cards of business people who ought to be members of the Chamber of Commerce. All the cards will be within the same district to make the work as easy as possible for the teams. The teams will start out each morning at 10 o'clock to see the prospects.

"Every section of the city has been carded and before the campaign is over every one will have been given an opportunity to become a part of the movement for a Greater Connellsville through a Greater Chamber of Commerce. The teams will see as many of the people listed on their cards as possible up to 12 o'clock. They will then return to the Y. M. C. A. auditorium for lunch and to report their success during the morning.

"As the campaign will be for three days and only two hours a day every man who volunteers is asked to give up only six hours of his time for his town and surely good old Connellsville is worth that much and more of any man's time."

A number offered their services two hours a day for three days and will meet today to outline plans for the campaign. ... [illegible] ... admonished Mr. Kirkpatrick who declared the men would work in teams to awake public interest and civic pride.

Deer for Game Preserve

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 26.—The consignment of white tail Michigan deer purchased by the State for the game preserve in the Laurel Hills near Ligonier arrived yesterday. Dr. G. A. Ulerica, State Game Warden and a number of assistants took charge of the deer and turned them loose in an enclosure on the preserve. There are 21 deer and two fawns.

JOSIAH V. THOMPSON AND ALLEN F. COOPER TAFT CANDIDATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION FROM FAYETTE COUNTY; OGLE ASPIRES TO SAME HONOR FROM SOMERSET IN THE 23rd DISTRICT DELEGATION

JOHN G. OGLE IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Somerset Man Leaves Field Clear for Thompson and Cooper

WHO FAVOR PRESIDENT TAFT

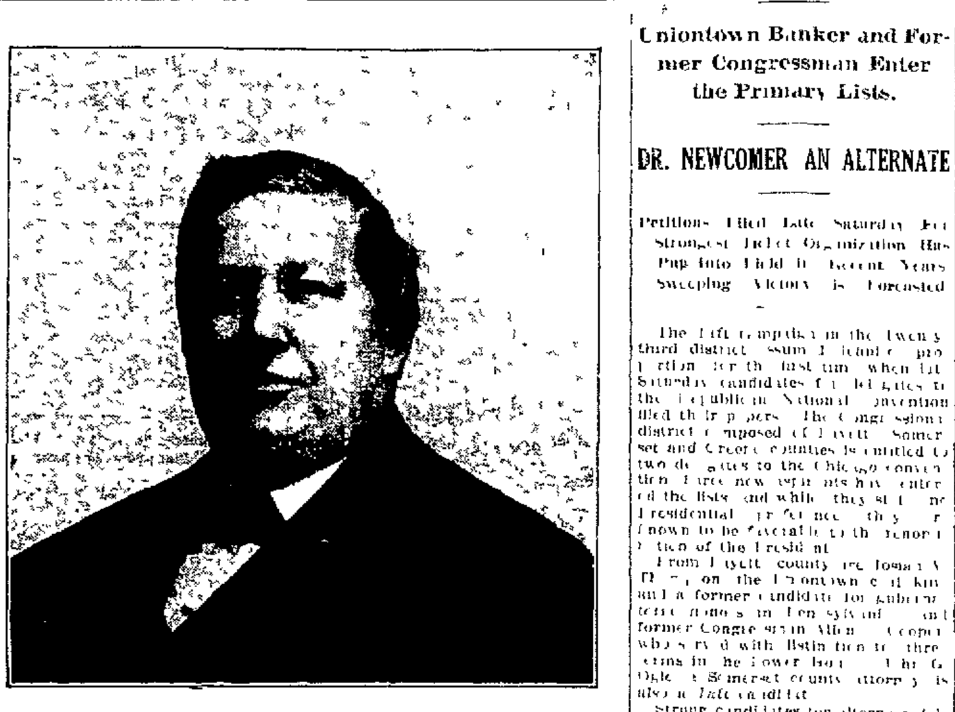
Withdrawal Was Not Unexpected by Those in Close Touch With the Political Situation in the 23rd District—Roosevelt Boom on Wane

Attorney John G Ogle of Somerset county has withdrawn from the field as a candidate for National Delegate in this district leaving the field clear for Josiah V Thompson and Allen F Cooper, the accredited Taft representative The withdrawal was not unexpected by those in close touch with the political situation in this district, it having been reasonably certain that there would be no contest among those generally understood to favor the renomination of the President

The withdrawal of Ogle from the field is probably a death blow at the Roosevelt boomlet in the Twenty-third Congressional district composed of Fayette Somerset and Greene counties The Roosevelt sentiment in this country has never attained serious proportions with the possible exception of Somerset county and among the Frost Sons of Thunder the case of the Colonel is not giving those interested a great deal of encouragement

Friends of Roosevelt are getting little comfort out of national campaign developments It was bad enough for them to see the Colonel soundly walloped in North Dakota by La Follette but since Indiana has gone strongly for Taft and yesterday New York City was overwhelmingly in favor of the President's renomination there is only gloom among the followers of the Third Term boom

The choice of Mr Thompson and former Congressman Allen F Cooper as the National Delegates from this district is practically a foregone conclusion



JOSIAH V THOMPSON

Uniontown Banker and Former Congressman Enter the Primary Lists.

DR. NEWCOMER AN ALTERNATE

Petitions Filed Late Saturday For Strongest Ticket Organization Has Put Into Field In Recent Years Sweeping Victory is Forecasted

The Taft campaign in the Twenty-third district assumed definite proportions for the first time when last Saturday candidates for delegates to the Republican National Convention filed their papers The Congressional district composed of Fayette Somerset and Greene counties is entitled to two delegates to the Chicago convention Three new aspirants have entered the lists and while they state no Presidential preference they are known to be favorable to the renomination of the President

From Fayette county are Josiah V Thompson the Uniontown capitalist and a former candidate for gubernatorial honors in Pennsylvania and former Congressman Allen F Cooper who served with distinction for three terms in the lower house The G. Ogle a Somerset county attorney is also a Taft candidate

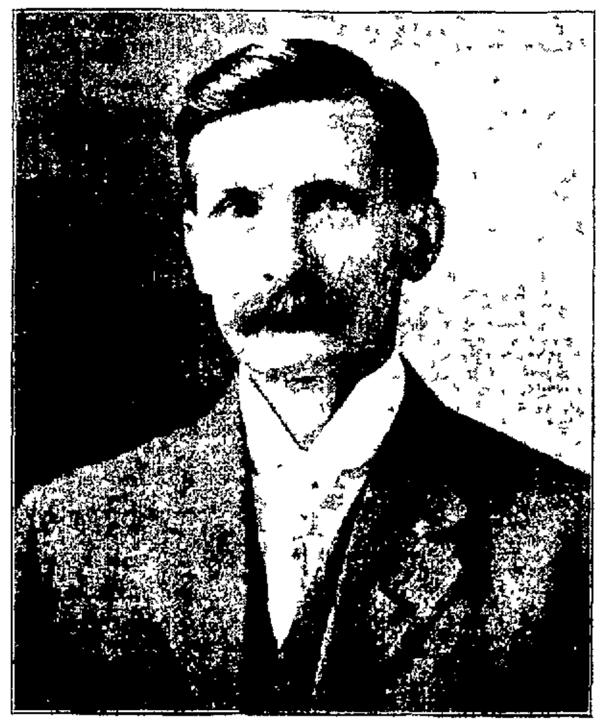
Strong candidates for alternate delegates have filed their papers The first is Dr George W Newcomer a lifelong resident of Connellsville and a staunch Republican Samuel A Kendall the lumber magnate of Meyersdale and John H Schell of Somerset are the others

The Roosevelt candidates for delegates are Peter A Johns former Sheriff and perennial candidate for something Attorney Edward D Brown of Uniontown and Harvey M Berkley a Somerset attorney The Roosevelt alternates are W R Hawkins of Waynesburg the only Greene county man in the list and Roscoe Wellley of Somerset

A number of candidates have announced their desire to attend the State convention as delegates of the ... district seven are for Roosevelt while the other eight do not state their preference in the Presidential campaign The State convention will choose the delegates at large From the First legislative district the candidates ... State delegate They are Attorney E D Ho... of Smithfield James W ... of Smithfield and Charles Smith of German township

The Second district candidates are J Frank Wright of Brownsville town ship Frank Adams South Brownsville John W Graves Dunbar township James J Driscoll Connellsville G C Sutton Uniontown George Connellsville Walter A Card of Uniontown J Clarence Uhlen... of Uniontown who expresses no Presidential preference The Roosevelt candidates for delegate are Alfred J Whittle of Dunbar township J E Roebuck of Oliver Duncan Sinclair of Brownsville township Edward West ington Connellsville Alexander M Beth Uniontown Charles Wares Uniontown and W L Winston Uniontown

The Democratic candidates for the National convention at Baltimore are Bruce F Sterling Uniontown H C Staggers Waynesburg and G M Bouluner of Uniontown Alternate candidates are A G ... Sherbondy of Normalville and Charles M Fisher of Somerset They express no Presidential preference The Democratic candidates for State delegate are Coerling F Hoover of Edstone for the first district and John S Christy J H McClelland H S Dumbauld of Uniontown and Charles R Franks of Dunbar township



ALLEN F COOPER

Are You for Taft and Prosperity?

Do you want to see business boom throughout Western Pennsylvania or are you going to squander precious time in this critical hour speculating about fancy political theories new schemes of government and new doctrines of sociology?

Home Interests First

That's the motto of the Taft Club of Pittsburgh Nobody else will have the magnanimity to look after the welfare of the great District of Pittsburgh No other city no other state will see that our bread is buttered

It's up to us to look out for ourselves

Suppose we get busy at it

The Big Taft Club

Two thousand men of every occupation throughout the western end of the state have signed an endorsement of President Taft because they are certain his leadership of the Republican party during another four years will bring back that peace and plenty we all so anxiously desire These men are all vice presidents of the Taft Club of Pittsburgh They are going to see that home interests are taken care of first, that home industries trades professions agriculture and mercantile pursuits are made profitable and prosperous and that the People in Pittsburgh and all the rich region for many miles around her, get what they deserve and have so well earned—recognition as the Nation's Great Source of Production Transportation Finance and Labor and chance to get busy and make some money without having to worry about Politics and Tariff Tinkering

Send Taft Delegates

If you feel that this is right that you want to see Political Peace and Industrial Progress go into your primaries regardless of party affiliations and factional alignments and vote for those delegates to the Republican National Convention who are pledged to support President Taft

If you want to join our club write to Secretary Taft Club of Pittsburgh 46 Vandergrift Building 323 Fourth Ave and say

Please enroll and publish my name as a vice president of the Taft Club of Pittsburgh Give your name your occupation and your mailing address and add a few words of opinion

Very truly yours
The TAFT CLUB
of PITTSBURGH

DEATH OF SON CAUSES FATAL GRIEF FOR MOTHER

Mrs. Thomas Kenney of Leisenring Expired Last Night in the Mercy Hospital

Grief over the death of her son James Kenney resulted in the death of Mrs Thomas Kenney one of the most widely known residents of Leisenring No 1 Tuesday night at Mercy hospital, where she had been a patient for the past week. James Kenney died four weeks ago last Friday in the Cottage State hospital from injuries received from an accident with which he met in the mines at Baggaley Pa Up until the untimely death of her son Mrs Kenney had enjoyed excellent health Following the death and funeral of her son the grief stricken mother sank into an unconscious condition Last Thursday she was removed to the Mercy hospital Her sister Miss Rose McClain of Greensburg was at her bedside when death came

The body was brought to Connellsville Wednesday and removed to the parlors of Funeral Director J L Stader and after being prepared for burial was taken to the Kenney residence at Leisenring Requiem high mass will be celebrated Friday morning at 9 o'clock at St Vincent DePaul's church at Leisenring No 1 Interment in St. Vincent DePaul's cemetery

Mrs Kenney before her marriage was Miss Mary McClain She was 41 years old and for the past 6 years had resided at Leisenring In addition to her husband the following children survive John Thomas Rose Elizabeth Christiana, Anastasia and Mary all at home She is also survived by two brothers John McClain of Ligonier George McClain at Fort Palmer Mrs Maria Duffy of Mammoth and Miss Rose McClain of Greensburg

HABEAS CORPUS WRIT FOR BODY OF DEAD DAUGHTER

Unusual Legal Proceedings Are Instituted in Uniontown Today

UNIONTOWN Mar 26—Asking that her husband George F Hughes of Dunbar township be compelled to give up the body of their dead daughter Inez C Hughes a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was presented to Judge Umbel this morning for Maggie Hughes of North Union township The petition was presented by Attorney D M Hertzog Judge Umbel ordered the Sheriff to notify Hughes to have the body ready for delivery to the wife at 5 o'clock this afternoon The couple were separated on June 25 1909 They have five children four sons and one daughter The four sons live with the father and the daughter with the mother Hughes recently made an attempt to make the girl keep house for him

In the large room the case of Joseph Gallis against the Monongahela Coal & Coke Company was continued In the small room the case of Nora E Ramage against A C Bradford of the Federal Casualty Company was continued for a settlement Both parties have agreed to settle

The case of Isaac H Burford a tea peddler against W J Rainey Company was argued He was forced by the company to quit peddling his tea among the company houses An attempt will be made to non suit the case

In the case of Ira J Barber against the West Penn Railways Company yesterday afternoon in which $5,000 was claimed for burns and injuries received Judge Van Swearingen granted a compulsory non-suit The suit was barred by statute of limitations

South Connellsville Council Meets

South Connellsville Town Council will meet this evening at 7 30 While there is only one question that is sure to be brought up several matters relating to public utilities may be discussed It is thought the light question will be settled.

SOMERSET BURGESS VETOES COUNCIL WATER ORDINANCE

Supply Not Sufficient He Holds to Furnish It to Outside Residents

SOMERSET March 26—Burgess Frank M Forney has vetoed a resolution passed by Town Council for the purpose of allowing property owners outside the borough to tap the water mains giving Council authority to fix the rates to be charged for such service The burgess states in his veto that he believes the experimental stage of the water works has not yet been sufficiently passed for the municipality to engage in the sale of water outside its original district

Burgess Forney however says that he would approve of the position to sell water on a meter basis provided that outsiders should pay higher rates than residents of the borough on account of the lower taxes enjoyed by those living in the township The action of the burgess affects more than a dozen parties who desire the convenience afforded by a public water supply In addition the Glades ... Water Company supplying probably thirty or forty families in the East End has applied for service from the borough mains The Gladehurst concern is practically defunct having experienced serious difficulties during an inadequate supply besides friction between the stockholders and patrons

Unless the proposition is passed by a two thirds vote over the burgess' veto the township applicants will have to go dry but it is expected that refusal of the water privilege will result in a strong sentiment among the nearby property owners for annexation to the borough in which event they would be entitled to water service

For many years some parties residing in the township along the outskirts of town have been allowed to tap the borough water mains paying a rate fifty per cent higher than that charged the townspeople In each case however separate permits were issued It now appears that such permits to be legal should be in the form of resolutions by Council subject to the approval of the burgess and the legality of former grants may be investigated

The borough's right of eminent domain is also involved in furnishing water outside the borough limits For instance in laying a new line to the reservoir from the North Somerset plant last summer the municipal authorities were obliged to invoke their right of condemnation of property through which the right of

MRS COMSTOCK DIES

Pneumonia Proves Fatal Following Several Weeks Illness

Mrs Gertrude Comstock aged 29 years 1? months and nine days died Tuesday at 7 o'clock at the South Side private hospital following a several weeks illness of pneumonia The body was removed from the hospital to the parlors of Funeral Director J L Stader and prepared for burial Later it will be taken to the home of her mother Mrs Mary Carroll on Tenth street Requiem high mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock Interment in St Joseph's Cemetery

Deceased is survived by her three children her mother and the following brothers and sisters Mrs Austin King Jr of Charleston W Va Mrs Jerry Gray Mrs Eva McGrogan and Miss Nellie Carroll all of Connellsville

MARRIED IN WASHINGTON

Miss Mabel Rosboro Becomes Bride of Clark Chisholm

The marriage of Clark MacQueen Chisholm son of Mr and Mrs Daniel Chisholm of Uniontown and Miss Mabel Gladys Rosboro was solemnized Monday at 10 o'clock A M in the New Willard hotel in Washington in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the young couple

Immediately after a wedding breakfast served in a private diningroom of the hotel Mr and Mrs Chisholm left for an extended wedding trip through the south and west

Johnson Schools Close

Johnson schools closed yesterday after a successful seven month term Special programs were carried out in the three rooms.

CROWLEY SUIT IS DRAGGING SLOWLY

Attorneys Argue Points of Law During Wednesday Court Session.

FORMER COUNCILMAN PLAINTIFF

Seeks Damages From the Borough For Broken Leg—Squire Bixler Star Witness This Morning—Suit Against the West Penn Is Taken Up

UNIONTOWN March 27—The suit of Matthew Crowley against the borough of Connellsville dragged through the morning session Court this morning with most of the time being consumed by arguments on the part of Attorneys John Duggan Jr for the plaintiff Squire A O Bixler borough clerk was on the stand the greater part of the time In court circles Squire Bixler is rapidly acquiring a reputation as a professional witness Every time the borough is defendant in a suit Squire Bixler goes on the stand

Crowley claims damages for a broken leg sustained by falling over the stump of a telephone pole along the West Side hill He was a member of Council at the time and the defense expects that this fact will prevent recovery of damages

The suit of John Green colored against the West Penn in behalf of himself and his small son Charles was taken up Green wants $20,000 damages for injuries sustained by the child when it picked up a live wire last May

The suit of Joe Fallis against the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company ended when a compulsory non suit was allowed by the court

DIXMONT GUARD HELD FOR DEATH OF JOHN SILLER

Alleged He Pushed Former Connellsville Man Causing Fatal Injury

Hadley Johnson a guard at Dixmont hospital for the insane was arrested Tuesday on information made by Chief of County Detectives Harry Muth on a charge of aggravated assault and battery on John Siller who died yesterday morning It was reported in Connellsville where Mr Siller formerly resided that his death was the result of a fall The case was reported to the Coroner of Allegheny county In the report it was said that Mr Siller was walking along one of the walks when Johnson pushed him Siller fell and struck his head on the pavement suffering a fractured skull Chief Muth yesterday said an investigation by several of his men found that Siller attacked Johnson and the guard in defending himself pushed him causing him to fall Johnson was committed to jail in default of bail to await a hearing

Mr Siller had been an inmate of Dixmont for some time past as the result of injuries with which he met a number of years ago while employed in the Baltimore & Ohio shops in Connellsville The body arrived in Connellsville Tuesday and was removed to the parlors of Funeral Director J F Sims The remains were taken to the home of Miss Katherine Siller a sister of the deceased No 136 East Peach street Services from the Siller residence this afternoon at two o'clock Rev B Burgess pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church will officiate Interment in Hill Grove cemetery

Hugh Gilmore Dead

Hugh J Gilmore aged 82 years a former member of the State Legislature from Fayette county died Tuesday at his home at Washington Pa Mr Gilmore was a native of German township Fayette county He resided in Fayette county until 1885 when he moved to Washington county In 1883 he was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature serving one term He had filled a number of county offices

MOVING PICTURES FOR THE SCHOOLS

Will be Advocated by Director Charles H Balsley in Near Future.

SECURES PROMISE OF MACHINE

Former Connellsville Boy Who Has Gone Up in the Moving Picture Field Has Pledged Apparatus Whenever It is Desired—Will Take Views

The moving picture has been carried to the schoolroom and it will be introduced in Connellsville if the plans of Director Charles H Balsley are successful Mr Balsley already has a ... with the pledge of one of the best machines on the market to be delivered when desired

The moving picture has been used for ... at ... in many schools The latest study to be ... to the ... already long list is penmanship Moving pictures illustrate various studies in a much more practical and entertaining manner than is possible in any other ... It is probable that the matter will be brought before the School Board at an early meeting in the near future and may see the moving picture ... established feature of the educational system here

To all intents and purposes the machine has already been secured It has been promised by E S Porter a former Connellsville boy who is now at the head of the Rex Moving Picture Company Mr Porter made a flying trip to Connellsville Monday on his way back to New York from the west It was his first visit since a similar brief stop here seven years ago Porter and Balsley are old friends Accompanied by Mr born Porter a brother who has charge of the sales department of the Simplex moving picture machine in the west Mr Porter came up from Pittsburg with Balsley Monday The discussion turned to moving pictures in the schools and it was then Mr Porter made his offer The machine will be a Simplex one of Porter's invention and the best on the market

Mr Porter has announced his intention of sending out a moving picture artist who views around the schools will be taken He and his brother left last evening after a ... in town but a few hours

REAL ESTATE DEALS CLOSED TUESDAY

K. K. Kramer Purchases the Arlington Apartments From L. F. Ruth.

CONSIDERATION NOT STATED

George Fuchner Concludes Negotiations For Purchase of Holt Property on Apple Street and Lets Contract For a Brick Business Block

Two real estate deals involving the transfer of properties worth nearly $100,000 were completed Tuesday K K Kramer has purchased the Arlington apartment building on South Pittsburg street He purchased the building from L F Ruth who erected the building about nine years ago The consideration is not stated

Mr Kramer bought the building for himself as an investment Work has already been started on renovating the building Besides Barkley's drug store and Steye's grocery store there are four apartments on the second and third stories

The second deal which was closed Tuesday was that for the property owned by Mrs Nancy Holt on Apple street in the rear of the McCrorey five and ten cent store The consideration in this deal was also not given but it was stated this morning that some real estate was exchanged George Feuner the purchaser will erect a three story brick business block on the property A C Herwick of Perryopolis is the contractor Work will be started at once

Five Are Killed

Five were killed by the explosion of a boiler at Salisbury Md, on Tuesday morning.

COUNCIL OFFERS REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF FIEND

Latrobe Citizens Are Aroused Over Cruel Treatment of Five Year Old Girl

LATROBE Mar 27—At a special meeting of the Latrobe Borough Council last night a resolution was unanimously adopted setting aside $500 as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the fiend who attacked Rose the five year old daughter of Harry Gould and cruelly mistreated her

District Attorney W J Dom last night communicated with the County Commissioners and requested that the county offer a similar reward

Frank Slingster who said he found the child in a stable is held by the police pending investigation

The child last night was in a critical condition with little hope for recovery The parents of the child are almost frantic and feeling is running so high here that the brute if captured will be placed under a strong guard to prevent violence at the hands of angered citizens

Happy Reconciliation

Frank Zacharias the drayman arrived home Sunday from a three months visit to his native home in Frankfort Germany While in Frank fort Mr Zacharias and his wife from whom he has been estranged for nearly 35 years were happily reunited When Mr Zacharias started on his return home the understanding was that Mr Zacharias would soon follow

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NEED OF TAFT TO BE SHOWN

Pittsburg Workers Out to Win Support For President and Plan an Educational Campaign

Taft headquarters were opened on Fifth avenue in Pittsburgh early this week by the Taft Club of Pittsburgh and a powerful campaign throughout western Pennsylvania in the interests of delegates to the national Republican convention pledged to support President Taft for renomination will be undertaken by the club Every voter in Pittsburgh in the county and in the west end of the state will be appealed to in an effort to win support for the Taft cause Literature and advertising matter will be prepared showing the necessity of continuing for another four years the policies of the Republican party and especially with reference to the interests of the great industrial agricultural and commercial district

We will start in within a few days on an educational campaign said B F Jones Jr president of the Taft club for the purpose of showing the people in this end of the state regardless of their party affiliations or factional alignments just how vitally important it is that the growing prosperity of the country and especially of this district shall not be checked and set back by a change in our national administration especially a change which will tend toward breaking down the protective barriers of our tariff system

The Taft Club of Pittsburgh is out for the nomination and re-election of President Taft and has no other purpose in its existence The enthusiasm following our organization indicates a preponderance of Taft sentiment in the community among all classes of men and leads us to believe that Mr Taft will be given a unanimous endorsement from the great Pittsburgh district

Mr Jones is president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel company Associated with him in the Taft club are several thousand men of all occupations merchants manufacturers workmen office men salesmen professional men and farmers Anyone desiring to express themselves in favor of President Taft is urged to write to W T Mossman secretary Taft Club of Pittsburgh 323 Fourth avenue Pittsburgh and give his name address and occupation All such names will be enrolled as vice presidents of the club.

M'KEESPORT OFFICIALS COME FOR INSPECTION

But They Were Premature as Covered Garbage Wagons Have Not Arrived

With the intention of investigating the hauling system to be employed by the Connellsville Garbage & Fertilizer Company J W Hooper Health Officer of McKeesport and one of the Councilmen of that city was in town Tuesday Their visit was slightly ahead of time for the local company has not yet had their covered wagons delivered

In McKeesport the system employed is that of charging the drivers for a garbage license The disposal plant is a municipal one but the transportation business is operated by individuals A charge of five cents is made for burning three 16 gallon cans of garbage and anyone can go in the business who has the $ license fee There is no ordinance covering the manner in which the garbage can be carried through the streets and the Councilmen of the city have decided to take steps to bring out a remedy for the evil Hence the visit of the Health Officer and the Councilman

If they approve Connellsville's system they will commend it to the McKeesport Council Here the garbage will be transported through the streets in air tight wagons

The manner in which garbage is carried through the streets of McKeesport is a menace to the health of the community said Health Officer Hooper this morning

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier

VICE PRESIDENT OF GAS INTERESTS VISITS HERE

Taken to Indicate That New Building Will Be Erected in Near Future

To inspect the company's equipment here and to look further into the matter of the advisability of erecting a new building J M Garber Vice President of the Fred Crawford interests controllers of the Fayette County Gas Company arrived in town Tuesday afternoon In company with Superintendent J Vogle the Vice President is inspecting the sites selected for the erection of J W Reeser and H L Feeser who were here last week

That the gas company intends to build a new here is evidenced by the arrival of the officials soon after another Mr Garber came to Connellsville this afternoon from Uniontown where he has been inspecting the company's equipment there He is located permanently in Columbus

Died on Sunday

Mrs Ethel Lockitt aged 37 years died Sunday at her home at Dawson Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from St Paul's Baptist church at Dawson Her husband Isaac Lockitt and a number of relatives survive

Veteran Ill

Frank Smith a Civil War veteran is ill at the home of Mrs Carrie Bittner of the South Side

FINAL WEEK OF CIVIL COURT ON

Two Cases Were Started at Uniontown Monday Morning.

PERCY MINING SUIT SETTLED

Preliminary Injunction Granted in 1906 is Dissolved, Pursuant to Decision by the Supreme Court Appeal From Auditor's Report

UNIONTOWN, Mar 25—The final week of the special term of civil court began this morning with both judges on the bench Two cases were started after the trial list had been called and a number of opinions had been handed down The preliminary injunction granted in 1906 to Louis De Saulles and others against the Percy Mining Company was dissolved This case was taken to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the opinion today was in conformity with the higher court's finding It differs from that of Judge Umbel who originally passed on the case and whose contention was sustained in the minority opinion of Judge Mestrezat delivered in dissenting from the finding of the Supreme Court

The first case taken up was that of Ira J Barber against the West Penn Railways and Electric Company to recover $5 000 damages Barber was injured by coming in contact with a live wire while working as a carpenter on a New Salem building He was in a hospital 50 days and had one toe amputated

In the small room the suit of Mary E Ramage against A C Bradford was started Bradford is a representative of the Federal Casualty Company Mrs Ramage seeks to recover $500 on a policy held by her husband Ramage took out the policy on February 14 1911 and was drowned just one month later

Mary Hampshire was granted a divorce from Joseph Hampshire on the grounds of infidelity They were married in Cumberland in 1885

The court sustained the exceptions of the Uniontown school district from the surcharges of the Borough Auditors and referred the report back for correction The report is held to be incomplete and not conforming with the law

CONNELLSVILLE HAS BEST GARBAGE FURNACE IN STATE

Latest Devices Adopted to Make Plant Odorless and Thoroughly Efficient

That Connellsville will have the best constructed and planned garbage disposing furnace in the State is the statement made by one of the Directors He based his claim on investigations and the authority of men who have been identified in the business for years Connellsville will have the most up to date garbage furnace in the country said the stockholder

In spite of the fact that he has been identified with putting up garbage furnaces practically all his life W K Herbert, the inventor of the furnace has never put up one entire plant Herbert's prices have always been high because he could not put in his patented improvements for the money asked by his competitors Most of his work has been along the line of working in his patents where the apparatus of other firms has failed to work After he applied his patents to the McKeesport furnace, the repair cost on the furnace for three years was slightly over $18

The furnace in Connellsville township will be equipped with a drying oven one of the latest improvements on garbage disposal furnaces The wagons will dump their loads into the drying place The garbage will be burnt up without actually coming into contact with the flame Where the fumes come out of the furnace a sprayer will be placed on each side to spray the smoke into an odorless condition

The solicitor sent out by the company has been meeting with good success. A meeting of the stockholders will be held in the offices of the concern in the Second National Bank building tomorrow

COMMITTEES NAMED

For Sunday School Convention Here Next June

Great preparations are being made for the annual convention of the Sunday schools of Fayette county to be held in Connellsville June 11 and 12 The following committees have been appointed

Place, Dr J F Kerr E K Dick Rev E E Burgess

Music Robert Warner A B Morton Grant Myers. Charles Bailey Rev Robert E Cairns

Entertainment Rice Lyon Bert J Thomas, George Showman D K Artman John Franks B F Rudolph Lloyd Shaw Sample Cochran Wm F Johnson Rev George Deitz Rev R C Miller James N Strange Joseph Pritts.

Advisory Rev B F White Rev L B. Wilson W S. Lehanna

Finance J A Armstrong, J L Kurtz F W Horner C A Purbaugh J S Jenks

Decorating Clarence Simpson B E Getzell S B Dobbie John Crowley J H Edwards

Press Rev J P Allison William Brooks Miss Lynne Kincell

Boosters Worth Kilpatrick S B Henry Paul Leichliey E I Rudolph Rev George Deitz William E Stillwagon O O Osterwise E J Smutz Rev R C Miller F R Floto Dr J F Kerr D F Smith Clark Huey Joseph Pritts, James W Strange and W M Johnson

Holds Good About Here

Judges and lawyers show a larger proportion of bald heads than any other profession

Banner Broom Corn

Oklahoma raises most of the broom corn of the country

SOMERSET FIREMEN TAKE TROUBLES INTO COURT

Recall of Officers Brings Matters to a Focus and Both Sides Fight.

SOMERSET March 22—The faction of the Somerset Fire Department who favor the incorporation of that institution and who invoked the recall on the officers elected for the ensuing year, yesterday afternoon filed their answer to the protest entered against the application for a charter by the insurgent and minority members several weeks ago The answer is sworn to by Edward P Keffer Keffer is president of the reorganized association and his attorney is Ross R Scott

The incorporators in their answer, claim that the signers of the protest constitute a minority of the members there being 67 members 40 of whom want a charter The incorporators claim "that the protest was filed for the sole reason that the signers thereto are dissatisfied with the expressed will of the majority of the members and that the minority desires to exercise control over the funds and equipment of the association during the ensuing year through officers elected by a flagrant violation of the rules and regulations of the association

The Somerset Fire Department was organized more than a decade ago after the installation of the municipal water plant At the annual election in January the ticket which had been regularly nominated was defeated by members writing in the names of candidates not nominated after the fashion of an alleged conspiracy the same names being written on the ballot by those bolting the ticket with the result that the bolting candidates received the highest votes Less than a majority of the members was present at the election many taking it for granted that the nominees would be unanimously elected as had been customary

Subsequently a majority of the members held a reorganization meeting when the recall was executed on the officers alleged to have been irregularly elected by the election of a new set of officers At this meeting it was decided to apply to the Court for a charter for the incorporation of the Department After the application for a charter had been presented the minority members filed a protest with the Court alleging that the second election was irregular and contrary to the rules and regulations of the association which is denied by the incorporators

The matter will come up for a hearing in argument court next month

OFFICER JAMES FRANCIS RESIGNS FROM THE FORCE

Will Quit as Policeman to Become Superintendent of Garbage Furnace

Officer James Francis has announced the intention of quitting the police force at the end of this month He is to become superintendent for the Connellsville Garbage and Fertilizer plant in Connellsville township The stockholders of the company will meet on Tuesday night and he will be elected to that position then Francis said Sunday he would hand in his tools to the Burgess next Saturday night

Whether the resignation of the police officer will precipitate another fight between the police committee and the Burgess remains to be seen Chairman E T Hetzel has declared for full roster of policemen nine in all Burgess J L Evans advocates dropping one policeman stating that eight are sufficient for the needs of the town The matter was threshed out when Chairman Hetzel appointed Everett a policeman in place of Joseph O Bryon

James Francis has been on the force continuously for five years

SPRING INSPECTION ON APRIL THIRD IS ORDER

Company D Gets Short Notice of the Event—Band Will Be Inspected on Same Date

The annual spring inspection of Company D will take place April 3 Captain A P Kidd received orders to that effect Friday This is considered an exceptionally short notice The 16th 10th and 18th Infantry will be inspected by Major McNary of town The Hospital Corps and Band will be inspected at the same time The inspection of the Tenth Regiment will extend from April 3 to May 23 Connellsville will be one of the first places visited by the inspecting officer

No word has been heard from the regular army sergeant who is to be here all next week He was scheduled to arrive in Connellsville yesterday Second Lieutenant I Donald Pied will return from school on Monday He will be here for the inspection

WISE CANNOT CONTEST ELECTION OF COL. CRAGO

Committee Soon to Report Disputed Seats in Congress to the House

WASHINGTON D C March 23—The contested election cases from Pennsylvania and West Virginia before House Committee on Elections No 1 will soon be reported to the House by this committee Included are the Wise Crago case from the Twentythird Pennsylvania district the McLeanBowman case from the Eleventh Pennsylvania district and the Wiley Hughes case from the Fifth West Virginia district

Mr Wise permitted the time to elapse in which he might file notice of a contest against Colonel Crago but asked the committee than extension of time be given him in which to file his notice of contest The committee has already tabled this request with the result that no contest will be permitted in this district

Marqua Expands

W G Marqua is expanding When he left here some time ago he started a motion picture house in Morgantown Now he has purchased the Empire theatre at Oakland Md., and will operate a nickelodeon there He will continue to make Morgantown his headquarters

EXPIATES CRIME ON THE GALLOWS

Henry Brent Hanged in Somerset Tuesday for Murder of Chas. Langley.

FIRST HANGING SINCE 1902

Efforts to Secure Commutation of the Sentence Failed and Law's Decree is Carried Out—Ninth Man to Be Executed in the Mountain County

SOMERSET March 26—Henry Brent, colored paid with his life today the penalty for murder The execution took place at 10 o'clock in the presence of a few witnesses Sheriff Charles F Hochard adjusted the noose and pulled the trap Brent was pronounced dead by Dr J T Hemminger the jail physician and Dr C P Large of Meyersdale The body was shipped to Philadelphia there being no relatives to claim the body

Brent was convicted of murder in the first degree at the February term of criminal court on March 6 1911 for shooting Charles Langley in Zimmerman the mining town of the Quemahoning Coal Company near Husband on January 28 1911 during a drunken carousal Judge Kooser subsequently refused a motion for a new trial which action was affirmed by the Supreme Court

Last Thursday Attorney Aaron C Holbert counsel for Brent after endeavoring to have his client's sentence commuted to life imprisonment received from Governor Tener a reply to a petition to again appear before the Board of Pardons in which the Governor said that Brent's case had been carefully considered by the Pardon Board and he did not feel that he should further interfere with the sentence of the court

The execution of Brent was the first hanging in Somerset county since 1902 Other hangings have taken place in the county on the following dates

Milton Sheetz April 190_ hanged by Sheriff James L Saylor

Peter Meyers January __ 1900 hanged by Sheriff James L Saylor

John and James Roods April 26 1898 hanged by Sheriff Martin H Hartzell

Joseph and David Nicely April _ 189_ hanged by Sheriff Isaiah Good

Henry Pritts June __ 1860 hanged by Sheriff Perry Walker

Noel Hugel February __ 180_ hanged on a tree near the Union cemetery

The jury which convicted Brent was composed of the following Wilmore Dull of Shade township Lennon Werick of Northampton township Charles B Humbert of Confluence Samuel Bowman of Quemahoning township W A Zimmerman of Ursina Lewis Eskin of Berlin Frank Gerhard of Upper Turkeyfoot township Theodore Miller of Quemahoning township W A Martz of Somerset J F Walker of Brothers valley township Harry B Good of Somerset A I Miltenberger of Conemaugh township

BURGESS SIGNS CONTRACT FOR AUTO FIRE TRUCK

President Millard Suggests Selling Present Equipment to S Connellsville

The automobile fire truck for Connellsville became a reality Friday when President of Council James B Millard Burgess J L Evans and Borough Clerk A O Bixler for the borough and William Work for the Connellsville Garage affixed their signatures to a contract Delivery of the machine will be made in about two months

What to do with the fire wagon has been puzzling Council President Millard Saturday advanced the idea of selling it to South Connellsville The new borough is without fire protection now and although buying a truck now would make a large hole in its finances it is believed that the move would be wise

LIVED 50 YEARS

Old Injury Causes Death of John Siller on His Birthday

John Siller a former well known Connellsville resident died Monday in a Pittsburg hospital on his 50th birthday Sixteen years ago Mr Siller fell from an engine tank into a pit and suffered injuries from which he never fully recovered About three days ago he again fell and suffered injuries which hastened his death At the time he met with the first accident he was employed in the B & O shops here

Deceased was born and reared in Connellsville and was a son of the late Mr and Mrs Jacob Siller When a young man he learned the machinist trade in the B & O shops and for 20 years was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company He married Miss Lucy Mullenix and for some time past the family has resided at North Braddock Pa

His widow and the following children Charles Carrie Edna Thomas Grace and John Siller all at home two brothers Jacob Siller of Altoona and Frank at home and two sisters Mrs Mary Cunningham and Miss Kate Siller at home survive The body will be brought to Connellsville and will be taken charge of by Funeral Director J I Sims No arrangements have been made for the funeral

Baby Boy at Rogers Mill

Word was received here Monday of the arrival of a baby boy early that morning at the home of Mr and Mrs John Rogers at Rogers Mill Mrs Rogers was before her marriage Miss Harriet Adams of Connellsville

Air For Tunnels

The Central London Railway Company is installing a ventilating system designed to supply eighty million cubic feet of ozonized air daily in the stations of its tunnel system

MRS. WILLIAM GALLAGHER DEAD AT AGE OF 61 YEARS

Following Lingering Illness, Lower Tyrone Township Woman Succumbs

Mrs William Watt Gallagher aged 61 years died Thursday morning at the family residence in Lower Tyrone township following an illness of several months Death was due to complication of diseases Funeral from the Gallagher residence Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock Rev Hanna of Washington county officiated Interment in Cochran Cemetery

Deceased before her marriage was Miss Susan Bryson She was a daughter of Mr and Mrs William Bryson deceased and was born and reared in the old Bryson homestead in North Union township Her father was elder of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian church for many years Thirty five years ago she married William Watt Gallagher and all their married life was spent on a farm in Lower Tyrone township Mrs Gallagher was member of the Tyrone Presbyterian church and was one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Lower Tyrone township In addition to her husband the following children survive John K C Gallagher of New Salem William Gallagher of Pt Marion Edward and Sadie Gallagher at home Deceased was a sister in law of Dr G W Gallagher of the West Side

PITTSBURG TRADE BOOMERS PLANNING 12TH ITINERARY

Special Train Will Reach Connellsville on May 21 For a Short Visit

Connellsville will again be visited by Pittsburg manufacturers wholesalers and jobbers on Tuesday May 21 On that date a special train of Pullmans and dining cars bearing members of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburg on its twelfth trade extension tour will arrive during the forenoon over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad They will remain an hour and a half

It will be remembered that three similar visits were paid The first in July 1904 the second in October 1905 and the last in May 1910 Besides Connellsville stops will be made at West Newton McKeesport Union town Morgantown W Va Cumberland Md Keyser Piedmont Grafton Fairmont Mannington Clarksburg Parkersburg W Va Marietta O Sistersville New Martinsville Wheeling W Va and Washington Pa It will require four days to make the tour

ITALIAN NEWSPAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TOWN

Local Foreigners Purchase Johnstown Plant and Will Move It to Connellsville

Connellsville is to have an Italian newspaper It will be published weekly and exclusively Italian no other language appearing in its columns Several Italians of this section are interested in the new venture Antonio Bufano of Dunbar being the president and Gaetano Corrado the secretary and Treasurer

The paper is Il Stella D'Italia now being published in Johnstown The paper will be moved here the first issue appearing soon after April 1 L Provighi of New York will be the editor assisted by Ernesto Luciani a former newspaper man now employed in the foreign department of the Colonial National Bank

WILLIAM KISNER'S BODY RECOVERED AT CORAOPOLIS

Perryopolis Man Fell From Bridge Over Yough December 21 and Was Drowned

The body of William Kisner who fell from the bridge crossing the Youghiogheny river at Layton on the evening of December 21 was recovered Saturday afternoon near Coraopolis The body was brought back to Perryopolis home of the dead man by Undertaker Ira Blair Despite the length of time it had been in the water the body was in a fair state of preservation

The funeral was held Monday services being held at Perryopolis in the morning The body was taken to Upper Middletown for interment at noon

FUNERAL SUNDAY

Miss Catherine Cook is Laid to Rest at Leisenring

The funeral of Miss Catherine Cook took place Monday morning at 10 o'clock from her late home at Leisenring No 1 Requiem high mass was celebrated at 10 30 o'clock at St Vincent DePaul's church at Leisenring No 1 by Rev Father Timothy of Beatty Station The services were attended by many friends of the deceased Interment in St Vincent De Paul's cemetery

The pallbearers were James Murray Bernard Carney Thomas McKevitt William Finley Donald Sweeney and Thomas Lindley

MRS MILLER DEAD

Well Known West Side Woman Had Been Ill Long Time

Following a lingering illness of tuberculosis Mrs Margaret Ellen Miller aged 40 years wife of Champ Miller of the West Side died Saturday at 6 30 o'clock at her home on Twelfth street Funeral Monday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock Interment in Chestnut Hill cemetery

Deceased was born and reared in West Virginia and was a daughter of Mr and Mrs William Meyers She had resided in the West Side for a number of years Her husband and several children survive

Jacob S Noon Dead

Jacob S Noon aged 74 years died Tuesday night at the home of his son-in-law Charles Sudor near Johnstown Pa Mr Noon was a veteran of the Civil War and is survived by the following children P B Noon of Connellsville Alvin P Noon of Conemaugh township Miss May Noon of Bon Air Funeral services were held Friday afternoon Rev C C Miller of the Conemaugh United Brethern church officiated Interment in Mt Carmel cemetery.

Somerset Court Records.

SOMERSET March 2_—Clerk of the Orphans Court Bert I Landis has recently issued marriage licenses to the following couples

Owen D Barnett and B ___ Rhoads both of Quemahoning township Albert Weaver and Lorene Leatrie Shaffer both of Windber John S___ and Annie Iswick both of Windber James I Suppic of Meyersdale and Margaret A Mans__ of Garrett

The will of Sarah Younkin late of Upper Turkeyfoot township was probated yesterday She left all her estate to Beecher Younkin whom she also appoints executor The will was dated July 1 1910 and witnessed by ___ P Younkin and Charles J Younkin

Letters of administration have recently been issued as follows

Wilson T Walker and ___ W___ estate of S___ W___ late of Somerset township Bond $5 000

George S Lohr ___ of ___ Hilder ___ ate of Jenner township Bond $1 100

S J Kennell estate of Jesse Kennell late of Southampton township Bond $2 000

The following deals in Somerset county real estate have been consummated during the past week

Francis Mathias executors to M L ___ Neil Shade and ___ townships $4 000 William H Gardner to Charles L Gardner Jefferson township $130 ___ Charles J Thomas Ll___ Lick township $30_ John H Sine___ to Lake ___ Somerset township $_ 000 William ___ Allegheny ___ Central City Railroad ___ township $40 ___ to John Urban B___ W___ Hoo___ $1 ___ Lucy M Snyder Somerset $1 ___ Henry J Gles ___ Central City ___ Brothersvalley township $_ 00 ___ Berlin $1 100 George W ___ Melcher Hochr ___ township $10_ C J Groff ___ Meadow ___ $1 100 ___ Lowry to Elijah ___ Mills ___ township $150 ___ Ferme Wolf Paint township $___ Samuel Il Isel to Joseph W ___ Paint township $_ 0 Curtis K Fruner to Thomas Stuner Somerset ___ Robert G Collier to Wesley M Clintock Addison township $_ 00 William H Miller to George Cust ___ Wilmore ___ Times ___ $1_0 John O J___ ___ township ___ Frederick ___ township $_ 0 ___ to John O L___ township $_ 0 Ephraim J ___ to Milton H ___ township $1

CHANGES ARE MADE IN NEW AUTO FIRE TRUCK

Length of Ladders is Cut Down to Navigate Sharp Corners Without Whistle

The Public Safety committee met Thursday night to make changes in the new automobile fire truck In specifying the specifications of the machine in detail it was found that changes would be necessary before the truck would be acceptable to Connellsville

In the original specifications the ladders were placed on the top of the vehicle According to the plans of the committee the ladders will be placed on the side The size of the ladders were also cut down Instead of four 35 foot ladders there will be four 24 foot ladders It was decided that 35 foot ladders would be too long to navigate short corners

Instead of a bell as called for in the old a whistle will be substituted The color of the new truck will be maroon and black with brass trimming There will be two 35 gallon chemical tanks 200 feet of chemical hose and 900 feet of fire hose

FOUND BURNED TO DEATH WHEN SHANTY IS DESTROYED

John Long's Body Charred by Flames Neighbors Failed to Notice in Night

MT PLEASANT March 2_—Found burned to death at his home at the Standard works this morning mystery surrounds the death of John Long aged 4_ an employe of the H C Frick Coke Company Mrs Peter Frunstone discovered the charred body this morning Although Mrs Frunstone lives ___ feet from the shanty occupied by Long she knew nothing of the fire until she rose this morning The shanty was completely destroyed

It is believed that Long came home last night and upset the stove Long came here from Westmoreland City four years ago He is the son of Mr and Mrs Logan Long

CATHERINE COOK DEAD

Leisenring Girl is a Victim of the White Plague

Miss Catherine Cook aged 1_ years died Friday of tuberculosis at her home at Leisenring No 1 She was a daughter of ___ and Mrs Cook the latter ___ A sister Mamie Cook died about a year ago at Mont Alto sanitorium

Funeral from the family residence Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Requiem high mass was celebrated at 10 30 o'clock at St Vincent De Paul church at Leisenring No 1 Interment in St Vincent De Paul's cemetery

Deer Make Escape

All but two of the deer recently placed on the State game preserve near Ligonier have escaped It is hoped to recapture them Nineteen does and two bucks were placed on the preserve just a week ago

Seldom Tells Income

Lloyd George in ___ public address The nation's income is £1 800 000 000 That is the revealed income and however much a man may boast as I have once before said in this place he never brags to the income tax collector

REV WARREN'S VISIT

Is Enjoyed by Members of the Christian Church Here

The ___ W R Warren's visit was an occasion of interest to the Christian Church and many friends ___ him ___ the reception Saturday after___ Sunday morning ___ the ___

Mr Warren is ___ Christian Evangelist one of the ___ religious journals of America ___ recently published ___ Kansas City ___ $_0 000 ___ Christ ___ Warren was ___ nd is filling the position ___

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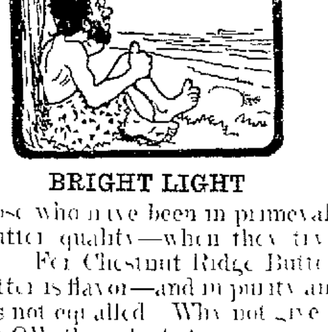

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RAGING WATERS ARE NOW FAST RECEDING

Crest in the Flood was Reached Here Thursday Afternoon.

FALLS UNDER 1907 HIGH MARK

The Highest Point Reached at the Bridge Here Was 17 1/2 Feet at 1:50 in the Afternoon—Cold Follows on Heels of Heavy Rain and Snow Falls

The raging waters of the Youghiogheny river are fast receding following Thursday's flood. Aside from interruptions to steam and trolley traffic, and the flooding of the bottom lands no great damage was done. The breaking of supply mains of the Fayette County Gas Company caused general discomfort.

At ten minutes before two Thursday afternoon the highest point was reached in the Youghiogheny river. From that time the flood has been receding. The last reading taken at 4 P. M. was 17 feet. Friday morning the meter box was gone and it was impossible to make a measurement. A fair guess placed the highest at noon today at 13 feet. No figures are available as to the stage of the river during the flood of March 1907 but it is not believed that the present high water equalled that of five years ago.

Accompanying the falling of the river was a lowering of temperature. Snow fell during the early morning hours, accompanied by a wind from the north. Reports from the railroads are just coming in as to the extent of damage. Landslides caused the most. The Western Maryland and the Baltimore & Ohio were perhaps the worst sufferers in this respect. The West Penn suffered from washouts Friday morning the trolley cars were going over the entire road. Even at Swedetown and Youngwood where the situation was worst the cars were going through.

The Baltimore & Ohio was not affected by big landslides although many small ones occurred. At Markleton the westbound trains were held up for a time because of a small landslide. Duquesne Limited was more than an hour late. In the yards three tracks were covered when the flood was at its highest. No damage was done. The switchmen's shanties along the river bank were well on their way to being carried down the river but were saved by being chained to the tracks.

Of the railroads the Pittsburg & Lake Erie got off with probably the least damage. It had but one landslide near here.

NEAR PANIC AT B. & O. WHEN BIG DAM BURSTS

Uneasiness prevailed throughout the city Thursday afternoon and night even after the report was made that there was no possibility of the Indian creek dam breaking. At 3:40 a report was sent to the Baltimore & Ohio office here from Indian Creek that the dam was leaking. The report was misinterpreted at this end and made to appear that the dam had burst.

The report was spread through the offices at the station. Without waiting to get their coats the employes at the station jammed the hallways and stairs in a frantic effort to get out. The report spread to the shops following a telephone message from the station.

The big Baltimore & Ohio whistle was ordered blown and five hundred men fled from the shops. The refugees took to the hills and from there waited the coming flood. Time passed and there was none. A later report came from the station that the message had been misinterpreted but the men refused to return to work. The night men arrived on the scene between 6 and 7 o'clock and several refused to work at all. The report that the dam had burst spread to the Tri-State Candy Company whose factory is on Peach street near the station. There the employes rushed out and refused to return.

TWENTY-EIGHT FEET CREST AT PITTSBURG.

PITTSBURG, March 22.—The crest of the flood was reached at Pittsburg at 4:30 this morning when the gauge showed 28.01 feet. At this point the waters began to recede and at noon showed 27 feet.

A tremendous landslide on the Western Maryland railroad at Barnum between Cumberland and Elkins is reported to have tied the road up indefinitely. Hundreds of tons of rock and earth cover the tracks.

GAS MAINS BREAK AND BREAKFASTS ARE COLD

To add to the general discomfort three of the mains belonging to the Fayette County Gas Company burst during the night causing a total suspension of the supply last night and curtailment in the supply today.

A peculiar situation prevailed Thursday night. With breaking of the big main crossing the Youghiogheny river near the Sodom shops the gas supply all over town was for a time cut off. The gangs employed by the gas company turned the pressure from one main to another one nearby. The gas could then have been turned on but it was feared that it might result in suffocation by gas in homes where it is allowed to burn all night.

Some time ago the gas company gave notice that if at any time the gas supply was cut off the fire whistle would be blown. Burgess Evans Thursday gave notice that the whistles would blow in case the Indian creek dam would burst. The gas company could not have the whistles blown because it would be taken as a signal to run to the hills.

A break in the main crossing Possum run on the West Side caused a shortage of gas Thursday afternoon. This break was quickly repaired. Last night one of the night watchmen employed by the company at Sodom discovered gas escaping from the main crossing the main crossing the river there. The water did not bubble up, there being too great a velocity but the rushing sounds were conveyed even above the noise of the swirling water.

Two gangs were out all night to watch the gas company's property. One went on at 12 o'clock. The news of the leak was made known to them and they turned off the gas all over town. There were no possible way to fix the big main at Sodom so the gas was turned off at the high pressure guage on the west side of the river.

At Sodom there are two gas mains. The supply from the broken one was turned into the other and although the pressure was weak it is sufficient for the needs of the town. District Superintendent Angle is away and the work here is in charge of W. P. Richter. The gas around town did not go off however until about 4 o'clock because of the gas stored up in the mains on this side of the river. There was 75 pounds of pressure at the Sodom main at the time of the break.

The third break occurred at South Connellsville opposite Marshall's store. Speaking of the shortage of gas a citizen of the little borough said this morning: "There's not enough gas to keep yourself warm out here."

The main at Marshall's store is under water and is causing a small geyser to flow.

CHARLES F. HOOD SAYS DAM IS NOT IN DANGER

President Charles F. Hood of the Indian Creek Valley railroad said on Friday that the dam scare was unwarranted. "That dam is substantially built," he said. "It wouldn't burst if five times that much water came down."

The Valley railroad will be able to resume operations this afternoon. Since the flood no trains have been run at all. The bridge at Indian Head was taken out by the flood. It is being replaced this morning. There were two slides between Indian Creek and Poplar Hollow.

FANNED BY GALE, FIRES MENACE BUSINESS BLOCK

Prompt and Efficient Work of Firemen Keep the Flames Under Control

Fanned by a 40 mile gale two fires were narrowly prevented into becoming conflagrations by the efforts of the fire department. Causing a loss of $1,000 the studio of Chicosta Brothers, photographers on North Pittsburg street above Hoffman's Fish Market fire was prevented from sweeping the whole row of buildings.

Only the efforts of the firemen saved a number of frame dwellings beyond the paving on North Pittsburg street. The frame building occupied by the Keystone Cigar Company owned by M. Horowitz was almost completely destroyed.

The fire in Chicosta's studio was discovered in the gallery where the pictures are taken. The alarm last at Pittsburg and Peach street was turned in at 11 o'clock. The firemen turned their attention to saving the other buildings and preventing the blaze from extending to the dark room where the chemicals are kept. If the flames had caught the dark room serious explosion would have resulted. The loss is about $100 covered by insurance. The expensive cameras were saved but nearly all the other fixtures in the studio burned. The flames spread to the floor and burned down into Hoffman's fish market. Water caused some damage to the lower floor.

At 3:30 o'clock fire broke out in the Keystone Cigar Company building. The blaze was caused by a hot stove kept going over night. The loss is covered by insurance. A report was current that the local fire department had sent to Scottdale for aid but this is not true.

MRS. SHAW HERE

Returns to Visit Relatives After an Absence of 12 Years

Mrs. C. N. Shaw arrived here Friday afternoon from the Philippines for a visit with her brothers J. W. and C. C. Mitchell. Mrs. Shaw before her marriage was Miss Lottie Mitchell. She was born and reared in Connellsville but this is her first visit to her former home in the past twelve years. She sailed from Manila February 10 and arrived here about 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. There were only two passengers on the boat from Manila to Seattle. Favorite stops were made at Japan and China and from Vancouver the trip was made by way of Canada. She expects to remain here until the latter part of July.

Mrs. Shaw has been a resident of Manila for the past five years. Mr. Shaw is an officer in the medical department of the United States Army at Manila.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Veteran Frick Man Shoots Himself in the Head

Isaac Rickard for 20 years with the H. C. Frick Coke Company attempted suicide at the home of his daughter Mrs. Thomas Cole at [illegible] Friday between [illegible] and [illegible] o'clock. He fired a revolver at the back of his head. The bullet glanced and inflicted only a scalp wound. He is not seriously injured.

The reason for the attempted suicide is not known. Rickard was an old employe of the Frick company and was well known throughout the Connellsville region.

John Robinson Dead

John Robinson died at the home of his son George at Wynn Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. He is survived by three children, Mrs. Lowie Kelly of Leisenring, Mrs. Hattie O'Neil of Pittsburg, George Robinson of Wynn and a step son William Hearst of Leckrone.

Addition to Keystone Tube

The Fayette Lumber Company contractors for the new addition to the Keystone Tube Works will begin work within a few weeks. The lumber for the addition has been ordered and work will begin immediately upon its arrival.

Where Was Ireland Then?

Chile claims that the Isle of Chiloe off the west coast is the original home of the potato it having been cultivated there since early in the fifteenth century.

SOUTH SIDE PUPILS DRAW RECORD CROWD

Attendance Largest that Ever Attended a School Entertainment Here.

MANY NATIONS REPRESENTED

"Cosmorama Humoresque" is High-falutin' Title Given Clever Method of Raising Funds For a New Piano More Than a Thousand There

The South Side school will have a new piano and a fine one at that. It is estimated that fully one thousand persons attended the Cosmorama Humoresque Friday at the school given for the purpose of purchasing the instrument. Several benefit entertainments have been held by pupils of the public schools but none could be compared with the Cosmorama Humoresque. To carry out the affair much labor and perseverance on the part of both teachers and pupils. Results justified the labor.

The crowd began to assemble as early as 7:30 o'clock and until after 10 o'clock the various rooms were crowded with friends and patrons of the school.

There was plenty of music and humorous attractions. In addition to the different countries represented there were a number of side attractions from which a neat sum was realized. Coney Island on the third floor attracted a large crowd. An admission fee of five cents was charged and the attraction was worth the price. A real live goose was on the second floor and persons throwing a ring around its neck were awarded candy. Three chances were given for a dime. The curio booth was well patronized. Many interesting relics from the Philippines were on exhibition.

Room No. 1-B taught by Miss Jessie Harris was transformed into a beautiful fairyland. Children in fairy costumes served corn flakes and wafers. The decorations were of many colors, the scene was gay and attractive. Hundreds of paper butterflies dangling by threads from the ceiling and festooning of red white and blue paper added to the effectiveness of the design. There was an aquarium filled with gold fish and a throne for the King and Queen. Edith Thomas was the Queen and James Graham the King.

Room No. 1-A taught by Miss Ellen Edmond was a great drawing card. China was well represented and novel decorations prevailed. The colors were red, yellow, blue, white and black. The children were attired in dainty oriental costumes and assisted Miss Edmonds in serving tea and wafers. The tables decorations were unique. In the center was miniature table and chairs and at either end were seated Japanese dolls. The [illegible] with [illegible] sented a Japanese baby carrier.

Room No. 2 portrayed life in Holland and the life of the natives was ably represented. A Dutch kitchen was fitted up and children attired in costumes of the Hollanders went through the form of making bread and butter and served buttermilk to the visitors. In one corner several little girls paring apples. Miss Mary Lockhill is teacher.

Room No. 3 was transformed into a Japanese garden. A pretty feature was a pagoda attractively decorated with paper iris, chrysanthemums, laurel, Japanese lanterns. Children wearing dainty Japanese costumes served tea and wafers. Miss Winnie Harrington is teacher and assisted by the children arranged the beautiful decorations.

In room No. 5 stood a grim old castle, the one typical of those in Germany were [illegible]. The unique costumes of the children as well as the entertaining and humorous program afforded great amusement. Wayne Glynn, Harold Robinson and Joseph Solsson served sauer kraut and weiners. The program rendered consisted of songs and recitations in German and was delightful. Decorating the walls were steins. Colored [illegible] Miss Lucille McGarvey teacher in these was great credit for the excellent manner in which the children carried out the program.

Ireland was beautifully represented in room No. 6 on the second floor. Everything was in white and there was presented a vision of rare beauty. The entire figure was in ice cave in which ice cream was served to the visitors. Miss Pelle Bowden is teacher.

The rose garden in charge of Doreen Struble, June Alexander and Bertha Hoffman, the flower and postal card booth presided over by Ruth Hardy, Ethel Shaw and Donella Schoonover, the candy booth in charge of Gertrude Stout, Josephine DeWitt and Eleanor Goldsmith and the coffee booth in charge of Louise Wiot and Marguerite Guthrie were all largely patronized.

Room No. 7 taught by Miss Bernice Pattison had been turned into a forest with an Indian camp in the midst. There were several wigwams and effective decorations consisting of [illegible] pine and rhododendron. Children attired in Indian costumes served corn bread and parched corn. Lyon Eaton was chief of the tribe.

If a prize were offered for the best representation of the different countries it would be a difficult matter to decide the winner as each room was country was so ably represented were a little room for improvement. The teachers and children who participated in the entertainment are to be congratulated on the wonderful work accomplished in the short time.

SEIZED THE TOBIES

Revenue Collector Found That the Stamps Were Not Proper

MT. PLEASANT, March 21.—D. P. Cousins United States Deputy Revenue Collector of the Twenty third District seized three boxes of tobies at the Parkstown Hotel.

The tobies had been manufactured by a Pittsburg firm and had the stamps patched and glued to the box.

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VELOCITY OF THE YOUGH WAS CORRECTLY ESTIMATED

But Cashier Flick Cannot Measure the Stream Until Apparatus is Replaced

A hydrographer from Connellsville arrived home Saturday from making tests of the velocity and the discharge of the Cheat river. He will forward his reports to the Pittsburg Flood Commission, the United States Geological Survey and the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania. According to the computations the estimates made Thursday are correct. The figures given were a velocity of 18 to 20 feet a second. At one time Thursday the measurements could not be taken because the stream was too turbulent.

D. H. Flick West Penn cashier who takes the daily readings at the bridge yesterday forwarded a letter to the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania informing them of the destruction of the meter box at the bridge. It was destroyed some time Thursday night. No measurements can be taken until the box is replaced.

TRUANT FIRST TIME; DROWNS IN YOUGH

Harry Carson Pays Life Penalty by Remaining from School Thursday.

LURED TO RIVER BY THE FLOOD

Standing on Swinging Bridge He is Jarred Into Raging Waters When Big Stump Crashes Against Swaying Footway—Companion are Helpless

The Youghiogheny river exacted its toll on life Thursday for the first time when it claimed Harry Carson, aged 1[illegible] son of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Carson of South Connellsville. He was standing on the swinging bridge at the Trotter water works and was carried away when a large log struck the swaying structure. Searchers were out during the night but owing to the high water no trace of the body was found. As he fell the water the boy was whirled about in an eddy and then disappeared.

It is a sad feature that the boy, one of the brightest students of the Gibson High School played truant for the first time. Harry's attraction to the river was the flood. The waters had reached their crest and were [illegible] when the accident occurred. [illegible] Many of the [illegible] lined the bridge and river banks and [illegible] left when the accident happened.

The swinging bridge is a flimsy affair. It sways [illegible] feet above the water when it was highest. Large logs and stumps had been striking it all day but not with enough to cause any damage.

With the boy on the bridge were two of his playmates, Walter Morrison and Andrew Kohlls, Sidney Evans and John Kohls were also on the bridge. Mrs. Henry Hill was standing on the South Connellsville side of the river. Seeing a huge stump sweeping down the river she anticipated the danger and called to those on the bridge. All ran off save young Carson. He was standing with one hand on the rail when the log struck the bridge. The force was great and the boy was jarred over the side of the structure. He landed in the river. He appeared once to the surface again and swirling around in an eddy for a few moments was at last carried down stream by the undertow. It was useless to attempt a rescue. A searching party went along the bank of the river but no traces of the body were found.

Young Carson was a freshman in the Gibson High school and was considered one of the brightest boys in his class.

The boy's father is a Baltimore & Ohio conductor running between here and New Castle. He was in at the time of the accident. Mrs. Carson and Mrs. W. J. Churchill were at the river bank watching the flood. She was told of the drowning at 4 o'clock by Dr. Churchill.

The family live on Wine street. The survivors are Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Carson and their children Margaret aged [illegible], Charles aged [illegible], Aldith aged 11 and Bessie aged [illegible].

Mr. Carson stated that he had offered a reward of $[illegible] to the person recovering the body of his boy. He requested that the finder of the body at once notify Funeral Director J. [illegible] Sims who will take charge of it.

CITY BEAUTIFUL MOVEMENT STARTS IN S. CONNELLSVILLE

Street Commissioner J. K. Pierce is Getting the Mud Off the Streets

With the approach of spring the people of South Connellsville have started a City Beautiful movement in the shape of improving the streets, alleys and school house yards. Street Commissioner J. K. Pierce is in charge. Ten men and two teams are at work on the streets now and making good progress.

Pittsburg street has been cleaned of its mud from one borough limit to the other. The street commissioner ordered the mud hauled to the school house yard. Grass will be sown this spring and flower beds made. It is expected to enlist the school children in the fight for a City Beautiful.

The unclean alleys and dirty back yards are all coming under the surveillance of the street commissioner and the health officer and stringent measures will be taken to keep the town free from filth. All the streets are being ditched.

Since the rain and storm much of the work must be done over again.

Few Have Seen Wonder

Only [illegible] white men it is said have as yet beheld the most remarkable natural bridge in the world—the Rainbow bridge of Southern Utah—compared with the famous Natural bridge of Virginia is almost insignificant.

GAS COMPANY MAY BUILD OWN HOME

Office and Shops to Consolidate in Single Location.

SEVERAL SITES ARE INSPECTED

If Satisfactory Location Cannot Be Secured the Company Will Probably Rent Quarters—Additional Men to Be Employed in Connellsville Soon

Contemplating the erection of a new building two experts from the central office of the Fayette County Gas Company were in town on Friday looking over several sites that have been suggested. They were H. C. Reeser, assistant to the President and his brother J. W. Reeser, Superintendent of the United Fuel Company one of the subsidiary concerns. They were accompanied here from Columbus by Superintendent Angle.

It has not been decided whether the company will erect a new building or rent quarters. Several vacant store rooms are under consideration. The shops will be located at the same place as the office. The office force will be enlarged and work now done other places will be brought to Connellsville. This will necessitate the employment of more outside men and an additional office force.

The new quarters will be centrally located. The present offices are in the Second National Bank building. Superintendent Angle is in favor of having a location near the new postoffice.

At present the gas company's shops are scattered about town. While the floor room in the shops is sufficient for the work it is thought that a better system will be maintained with the office and outside force working together.

A meeting of employes was held last Friday at the offices in the Second National Bank building. Notwithstanding that many of the men had been up constantly on duty throughout the night on account of the flood the full quota of employes was present. The meeting was addressed by both H. C. Reeser and J. W. Reeser. Superintendent Angle gave a talk. The speaker returned to Columbus [illegible] from [illegible] meeting of the [illegible].

With the consolidation of the two plants the importance of Connellsville as a central office for the local gas supply will be increased.

"FATHER OF THE HOUSE" IS CALLED BY DEATH

General H. H. Bingham Dies at His Home in Philadelphia After Long Illness

PHILADELPHIA, March [illegible].—Congressman Henry H. Bingham, Father of the House, died here early today. Gen. Bingham was well known throughout [illegible] West [illegible]. He was [illegible] years old and had been in Congress since [illegible].

Gen. Bingham served through the Civil War in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment and was wounded at both Gettysburg and Spottsylvania. He entered the army as Lieutenant and at the close of the war had received for distinguished gallantry through the grades of Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel and Brigadier General.

Death came as the result of a complication of heart disease and throat trouble from which he had been suffering for some time. The veteran legislator was conscious until he sank into a coma at [illegible] o'clock and never rallied. At the bedside when death came were his private secretary, J. H. Russell and his housekeeper, Mrs. Margaret W. Bingham. Dr. Richard Woods who has been in attendance upon the congressman since he was confined to the house was summoned but arrived too late.

GOOD ROADS ARE DISCUSSED AT UNIONTOWN CONFERENCE

Forty Three Supervisors Hear Addresses by Experts in Road Building

UNIONTOWN, March [illegible].—Good roads were discussed yesterday at the second annual convention of the Fayette County Road Supervisors' Association attended by 43 road supervisors from all parts of the county. Joseph W. Hunter of the State Highway Department, Lester L. Boykin a road expert of the Department of Agriculture, Chief Engineer S. D. Foster of the State Highway Department and Attorney R. F. Hopwood made addresses.

State Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow and former Congressman E. F. Acheson of Washington county did not attend.

The following officers were elected: President, William Thompson, South Union township; Vice President, Isaac B. Boelt, North Union township and George Reynolds of Menallen township; Secretary, Ernest H. Power, Uniontown; Treasurer, James Schroyer, South Union township.

The new president appointed the following executive committee: Webb C. Everett of Brownsville, Burton Henry Cook, John Leichliter, Daniel F. Riffle and Roy W. Elliott. The auditors elected were R. W. Playford, T. S. Dunn and Albert Husted.

RIEGEL COMES

Another Engineer for Cheat River Forces

Another engineer was added to the force of the Mountain Park Land Company here yesterday. The new engineer is R. M. Riegel. He will be engaged in the work in the field.

Mr. Riegel is a resident of Harrisburg although his last work was in New York City. He was formerly connected with the company about three months ago. He was with it for about eight months. The new engineer is a graduate of Cornell of the class of 1901.

WILL OF I. W. RUTTER ADMITTED TO PROBATE

His Niece Miss Mary Bower is the Principal Beneficiary Under Its Terms

UNIONTOWN, March 23.—In the will of Isaac W. Rutter treasurer of Connellsville borough for a number of years who died March 18, Miss Mary Bower his niece was made the chief beneficiary in his estate which is valued at $27,000, $10,000 personal and $17,000 real estate. The old homestead consisting of a two story brick dwelling and two lots on Johnston avenue and all furniture is willed to Miss Bower so long as she remains single.

In case she should marry or die the property shall be divided equally among the living heirs at that time except the descendants of the deceased's brother, George H. Rutter who shall not be mentioned in the will. In case Miss Bower should die single the proceeds of the property shall be used to save her lot and burial provided a lot and monument and perhaps a mausoleum in memory. Miss Bower is also the use [illegible] in the National Bank of Connellsville stock also the use and control of the Connellsville [illegible] stock.

Elgan Wyant Bower nephew is bequeathed a frame dwelling at [illegible] Johnston avenue to possess forever. Miss Bower was directed to [illegible] his trust [illegible] until [illegible] of age when he shall have full control of the property to dispose of as he chooses.

If the amount of the estate of Mr. Rutter's debts, funeral expenses [illegible] reaches the amount that it [illegible] the [illegible] requests the following [illegible] dered: Joseph W. [illegible] $1,000; [illegible] Joseph [illegible] Muth [illegible] and her husband [illegible] Muth [illegible]. If the estate [illegible] the stock in the [illegible] Connellsville National Bank [illegible] shall be [illegible] for that distribution.

In the will Mr. Rutter expresses [illegible] the full [illegible] of the National Bank stock [illegible] than the [illegible] Bower [illegible]. She shall not be compelled to [illegible] bond or will she receive any compensation other than her expenses within the estate. She shall have the privilege of engaging her own attorney and shall pay him what she thinks his services are worth.

The will is dated December [illegible] 1910. The witnesses are Cora Armstrong and [illegible] Goodwin. The will was probated Friday afternoon.

JOHN HANNEN DEAD

Young Man Well Known at Dunbar is Typhoid Victim

John Hannen aged [illegible] years, resident of Dunbar until eight months ago died [illegible] at Fairmont, W. Va. Death was due to typhoid fever contracted about six weeks ago. He was a son of James and Mary Hannen and was born in [illegible] W. Va. He was taken to Dunbar by his mother when he was about two years old after the death of his father. He enlisted in Company I, 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers [illegible] in the Philippines and was in a number of engagements and skirmishes. He was honorably discharged in 1900.

Upon his return to Dunbar he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company as brakeman which position he held until 1904 when he re-enlisted in the 75th company of Coast Artillery Corps where he served three years. After serving the government for the second time he returned to Dunbar and resumed his occupation as brakeman by entering the employ of the New Haven and Dunbar Railroad Company. He is survived by his mother Mrs. Mary Hannen and three sisters, Miss Jennie of Dunbar, Mrs. James Wilson of Dunbar and Della of Fairmont, W. Va. and two brothers, James of Fairmont and James of Dunbar. Funeral services were held from the residence of his sister Miss Jennie Hannen on Sp[illegible]rs Hill Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MISS REBECCA BAUER

Is Dead at Age of 16 From Tuberculosis at Home of Parents

Miss Rebecca Bauer aged 16 years one month and seven days died Saturday at her home on Ninth street following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. She had been ill since Christmas and was confined to her bed most of that time. Funeral from the family residence Monday morning at [illegible] o'clock and from St. John's Lutheran church at 10 o'clock. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery.

Deceased was a daughter of Henry and Sophia Bauer. In addition to her parents she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. [illegible] Bauer of Connellsville, Mrs. William Davis, Scottdale, Mrs. Robert O'Neil, Pt. Hill, Margaret, Anna, [illegible], William, Lewis, Edward, [illegible], Paul and Harold Bauer, all at home.

To Test All Road

The [illegible] Railroad [illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] Natural [illegible] which [illegible] built [illegible].

Henry [illegible] Nugget

[illegible]

SENTENCE COURT AT UNIONTOWN

Judges Pass Sentence Upon Many Offenders Who Were Convicted.

TWO SENT TO PENITENTIARY

John Miller Given Stiff Sentence For Conducting Disorderly House at Point Marion—Jackson Goes Up Two Years For Housebreaking

UNIONTOWN, March [illegible].—Sentence court was held today and a number of [illegible] imprisonment for various terms. Two [illegible] to the penitentiary was the maximum sentence imposed at the last session. Ben Jackson convicted on several counts of housebreaking was one of those who received this term while John Miller was the other. He conducted a disorderly house at Point Marion.

Three were sent to Huntingdon reformatory. They were Clyde Young of Connellsville who slashed William [illegible] Saturday before Christmas, Pete White convicted of assault and [illegible] and [illegible] Lizzie who pleaded guilty to [illegible].

James Bennett was given four months in jail for stealing an overcoat. He drew the usual sentence of [illegible] months to the workhouse for carrying concealed weapons. Nick [illegible] was sent to jail one year for assault and battery. Frederick Sauf was sent to the workhouse one year for the larceny of money in Connellsville. Thomas Hays escaped with the costs for larceny.

J. F. Walls and Pete Corrista convicted on paternity charges were directed to pay $1 each and contribute $1.50 weekly for six years and give $200 bond in their own recognizance.

John Bush was sent to jail one year for larceny. John Ofusoff was given four months in jail for larceny.

UNIONTOWN, March 22.—Judge Van Swearingen this morning heard testimony in the mandamus proceedings instituted against the County Commissioners to secure construction of a county bridge across the Monongahela river at Brownsville and [illegible]. The Commissioners have not proceeded with the work because of the cost.

Witnesses testified that the cost would not exceed $150,000 not including damages that will be claimed by the Brownsville Bridge Company for the destruction of its structure.

[illegible] Moore of South Brownsville was the first witness. He was on the stand but a short time and took only of the necessity of the structure for the residents of that section.

William Wiley, a Washington county engineer stated that $150,000 would in no instance be [illegible] cost of construction of the bridge. He stated he would be glad to undertake the contract at this figure. He stated it would be cheaper to erect the [illegible] bridge than the [illegible].

J. B. Gibson, an engineer in the office of J. B. Hogg stated that he made surveys and estimated he cost slightly in excess of $[illegible]. This was for a structure [illegible] feet long, wide enough for two street car tracks and with ample room for a walk and roadway.

Former owners are willing to waive all damages in excess of $18,000 but this does not include the claims of the bridge company.

HOME FROM SOUTH

Connellsville Party Has Pleasant Florida Jaunt

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young arrived home yesterday afternoon from a delightful Southern trip of five weeks. From Washington they traveled along the coast line to St. Petersburg, Fla. where a week was spent. While there they met a number of Connellsville persons who are wintering in St. Petersburg.

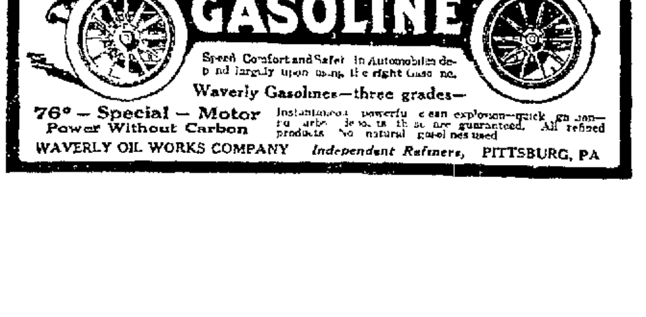
The men spent fine fishing in St. Petersburg. The greater part of their time was spent in the sport and one day they captured 130 fish. After leaving St. Petersburg, Tampa was the next stop and from there they sailed for Key West. Other places of interest visited were Miami, Palm Beach, Fort Pierce, Dayton, Rockledge, St. Augustine. From the latter place they returned to Jacksonville and went from there to Atlanta.

Name Committeemen.

[illegible] of the different churches [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Connellsville [illegible] appointed [illegible] committee [illegible] were [illegible] plans [illegible] were discussed.

Concrete Furniture Next

[illegible] has been successful [illegible] $1,000 [illegible] house complete [illegible] tables [illegible].



MUST EQUALIZE RAILROAD RATES

Interstate Commerce Commission Hands Down Sweeping Decision.

WIPES OUT ALL STATE LINES

Low State Traffic Rates Must Be Applied to All Other Commerce is Proposition Laid Down by the Majority—Supersedes State Authority.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—The Interstate Commerce Commission established the far-reaching principle that a railroad must adjust its rates so that justice will be done between communities regardless of State lines. If a railroad makes a low rate upon traffic wholly within a State, even when forced to do so by a State commission, it must accord the same rate to interstate traffic moving under substantially similar conditions.

The principle was adopted by a vote of 4 to 3. The minority held that the powers of Congress were usurped by the majority opinion and that the remedy for such a situation should be applied through additional legislation. The decision was in the case of the railroad commission of Louisiana, against the St. Louis & Southwestern railway and other carriers operating between Louisiana and Texas.

The case practically precipitated a conflict between Federal and State authority over the control of interstate traffic. The opinion of the majority of the Interstate Commerce Commission, prepared by Commissioner Lane, is a definite assertion of the supremacy of National regulatory authority over the powers exercised by any State.

It is the first time this assertion has been made distinctly by the commission. In making it, Chairman Prouty and Commissioners Clark and Meyer concurred with Commissioner Lane and Commissioners Clements, Harlan and McChord dissented.

The proceeding brought by the Louisiana commission placed in issue the right of interstate carriers to discriminate in favor of State traffic and against interstate traffic.

"The gravamen of the complaint," the opinion says, "is that the carriers defendant make rates out of Dallas and other Texas points into Eastern Texas which are much lower than those which they extend into Texas from Shreveport, La. A rate of 60 cents carries first class traffic eastward from Dallas, 160 miles, while the same rate of 60 cents will carry the same class of traffic only 55 miles into Texas from Shreveport."

The low rate within the State of Texas was forced upon the railroads by the Texas railroad commission in furtherance of a policy to protect and promote the jobbing interests of Texas. The Louisiana commission and that State's commercial interests declared that Louisiana was being discriminated against because of the exaction of the higher rates from Shreveport westward and demanded an adjustment of the rates. The contentions of Louisiana were sustained by the commission absolutely.

The majority held:

That the present class rates from Shreveport to Texas points were unreasonable, and prescribed lower rates which must be put into effect May 1.

That the present relation of rates, eastbound and westbound from Shreveport, gives an undue preference to Dallas and Houston and other Texas cities, and the carriers are ordered to establish the same rates on westbound as on eastbound traffic.

That if a State, by the exercise of its lawful power, establishes rates which the interstate carrier makes effective upon State traffic, that carrier does so with the full knowledge that the Federal Government requires it to supply such rates under like conditions upon interstate traffic. To say that an interstate carrier may discriminate against interstate commerce because of the order of a State commission would be to admit that a State may limit and prescribe the flow of commerce between the States.

The conclusion of the majority opinion is a vigorous assertion of the paramount authority of the National Government over all interstate traffic.

An interstate carrier must respect the Federal law, and if it is also subjected to State law it must respect that insofar as it can without doing violence to its obligations under the National authority.

STARVATION IS STALKING THROUGHOUT ALL ENGLAND

Even "War Chest" of the Striking Miners is Rapidly Nearing Exhaustion.

LONDON, England, March 23.—Two and one-half million workers, men, women and children were jobless today. Dependant upon them were enough others to bring the grand total of those slowly approaching starvation because of the paralysis due to the strike of the miners and the exhaustion of the reserve supply of fuel, up to 10,000,000.

So serious is the situation that the heads of the various municipalities have reported to the government that if the strike is not speedily settled they will not be responsible for keeping order. Food riots have already taken place in several sections, notably in Scotland and Wales. At the Home Office today it was admitted that 50,000 soup kitchens are in operation in North Wales, all conducted by the municipalities.

The strike funds have been exhausted in paying benefits. The worst sufferers are the miners whose great war chest, which they boasted before the strike order was issued was almost inexhaustable, has practically disappeared. Only in Derbyshire and Durham have the miners any money left, and even there the amount is small.

Australian Gold.

New South Wales gold production for 1911 was 215,724 ounces, worth $3,750,000.

WHEELING & LAKE ERIE PILING UP SURPLUS OVER CHARGES

Company Appears to Be Making Surplus at Rate of $870,000, or $476,000 Over Interest.

In the eight months ender February 29, Wheeling & Lake Erie earned surplus of $580,000 over permanent charges and interest on receivers' certificates. This compared with $420,000 earned in the corresponding eight months of 1911, $450,000 in 1910, $173,000 in 1909 and a deficit of $95,000 in 1908.

The company appears to be earning surplus revenues at an annual rate of $870,000 or $476,000 in excess of the amount which would be needed to meet interest on its defaulted $8,000,000 notes. The excess is equal to 4% on the first preferred stock and at 2.5% on the second preferred. Receiver Worthington expects to do even better than this.

In the fiscal year to date returns from traffic have been extremely satisfactory. Gross earnings for the eight months increased 11.75% over 1911, 10.85% over 1910 and 36.37% over 1909. Operating expenses in the current year, however, increased only 3.74% over 1911, 3.53% over 1910 and 19.15% over 1909, resulting in increases in net earnings of 31.78% in 1912 over 1911, of 27.44% over 1910 and 86.79% over 1909. The operating ratio in the current year decreased 5.30% of gross revenues as compared with 1911 and 9.50% as compared with 1909.

Maintenance expenditures for the eight months on way and structures show an increase of 16.10% or a total of $586,000. Of this amount $16,000 was spent on betterments and addition work in building new steel bridges, reconstructing 38 bridges, dismantling car equipment and relaying heavy for light rail. Receiver Worthington states that at least $110,000 of this charge would not have appeared if the company had been able to fully maintain track and bridges in former years. A further charge of $35,000 has been placed against the accounts of the first eight months to help out on the renewals during the months of April, May and June.

Receiver Worthington calls attention to the charge of $222,000 for hire of equipment and points out that if the company had been supplied with the 2,000 fifty-ton steel coal cars recommended to be purchased, the account would have shown a credit and the eight months' surplus could have been increased to $680,000 instead of the $580,000 actually shown. This estimate of the saving in equipment hire, moreover, is after allowing for 5% interest on the cost of equipment for eight months amounting to $66,000 and additional maintenance required amounting to $40,000.

The Wheeling's greatest need is new equipment. The company has been under the constant necessity of scraping its obsolete and worn-out equipment without replacement with new. The average capacity of all car equipment is only 35 tons per car, while the average tons carried per loaded car in the eight months was 32.56 tons. The average per diem rate for the eight months, the receiver states, was 34.29 cents per car. It therefore follows that if the company could get some new 50-ton cars they would each save the Wheeling 50c. per diem payments to foreign lines for cars of an average capacity of 35 tons or less, while if the cars were on foreign lines they would have earned at the rate of 34.29 cents per day. "The fact that the Wheeling could have increased its eight months' net nearly $100,000 solely through its equipment hire account by purchase of needed equipment," said the receiver, "is a pretty good argument in favor of its purchase exclusive of any effect it would have on the company's carrying and earning capacity."

COKE REGION RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF FLOOD

River Will Soon Reach Normal Stage, Railroad Repairing Damage.

Although no figures are available as to the stage of the river, owing to the destruction of the meter box on Thursday night, it is rapidly falling and within a few days will reach normal.

Resident Engineer Minder of the Western Maryland returned to Connellsville Friday night after inspecting the line. He reports that although there were many small slides owing to the newness of the construction, no serious damage occurred. Track gangs started work today clearing the debris.

West Penn cars are still running behind schedule owing to the unstability of the tracks at different places. It will be a week before the tracks are in first class condition once more.

Searchers were at work at the West Penn dam all day Friday looking for the body of Harry Carson, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carson of South Connellsville, who was drowned while watching the flood from the swinging bridge. No trace of the body has been found.

MOUNTAIN TIMBER BOUGHT BY DETWILER AND LAWS

They Will Develop Tract in Springfield and Saltlick Townships.

Buying the tract of timber owned by the Sterett heirs, consisting of 313 acres in Springfield and Saltlick townships, Charles Detwiler and James Lewis negotiated Friday the biggest timber deal on Chestnut Ridge for ten years. The consideration was $5,000. Detwiler and Laws hold large contracts for pit posts and will begin as soon as the mill belonging to Laws is available. It is believed that the actual cutting will take place next week.

The tract, a large one, is partly in Springfield and partly in Saltlick township. It is virgin timber. According to a rough estimate there is about a million feet of white oak and 600,000 feet of poplar and chestnut. Contracts held by Laws and Detwiler call for the cutting of about 600,000 cross ties and a couple of million pit posts. This deal takes in practically all the timber in the western ends of the two townships.

SOMERSET GRANTS B. & O. FRANCHISE

Believed that Measure will be Satisfactory to Officials

HAS BEEN HANGING FIRE A YEAR

Ordinance Provides That Railroad Shall Erect New Station and Depot Within "Reasonable Time"—Watchmen Required For the Crossings.

SOMERSET, Mar. 23.—The controversy between Somerset Town Council and the B. & O. railroad concerning a franchise permitting the laying of additional tracks at Pleasant street, extending over a year, was amicably adjusted at a meeting of Council Thursday night. An ordinance, which it is believed will be acceptable to Superintendent C. L. French of the Connellsville division, and the other railroad officials, was passed by a unanimous vote, Council offering the railroad company every inducement to continue its improvements in and about Somerset, that the members think consistent with the protection of the rights of the municipality.

The principle feature of the ordinance is a clause to the effect that the B. & O. shall construct a new passenger and freight stations here "within a reasonable time." And there is every assurance that this condition will be met a great deal more expeditiously than new depots have been supplied at other points along the B. & O. system.

The railroad company is given permission to lay two additional tracks across East Main street, five across East Patriot street and one track along Pleasant street, between Main and Catherine streets.

The hitch during the past year was the obstruction of Pleasant street the original plan having been to occupy the entire length of the thoroughfare. This objection has been eliminated by the railroad company agreeing to build its additional tracks on right-of-way purchased from property owners instead of using the street, with the exception of only two squares, between Main and Catherine.

That part of Pleasant street to be occupied by the second track will be protected by the laying of the track east of the borough sewer and water mains. Between Main and Patriot streets the B. & O. will provide a 30-foot driveway, and will employ a watchman at the Main street crossings between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M.

The ordinance provides that none of the crossings shall be blocked for more than 10 minutes at a time, under a minimum penalty of $5 and maximum of $25, to be imposed by the Burgess or any Justice of the Peace in the borough. In case of fire the municipality reserves to block the railroad tracks with fire hose as long as necessary to extinguish the blaze, and all trains are required to stop at a reasonable distance from the point where the hose may be laid across the tracks

ELKINS COAL COMPANY LANDS HEALTHY ORDERS

West Virginia Mines to Supply Coke Plant with 9,000,000 Tons of Fuel.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 25. Nine million tons of coal, to be supplied at the rate of 1,200 to 1,500 tons a day, is involved in a 20-year contract just closed by the Elkins Coal & Coke Company of Morgantown with the Lehigh Coke Company, for the by-product ovens at South Bethlehem, Pa. Another contract just closed by the Elkins Company involves 90,000 tons of coal to be delivered by the Lackawanna Steel Company.

To fill the contracts, a new mine will be opened in addition to the two mines already in operation in the Bretz field of the company, from which this by-product coal must be taken. The Bretz held is on Deckers Creek, and is a part of 48,000 acres owned by the Elkins Company. Several other mines are now in full operation, the present annual output of the company being 720,000 tons.

PANAMA RAILROAD COAL BIDS.

Prices Range From $2.45 to $5 a Ton For 25,000 to 300,000 Tons.

Following bids were received by the Panama Railroad Company: American Coal Company, 65,000 to 75,000 tons of coal at $2.75 per land ton; F. R. Long & Company, 60,000 tons at $2.59; George E. Warren, 60,000 tons at $2.95; Maryland Coal & Coke Company, 5,000 tons a month at $3.50, Hutchinson Coal Company, 300,000 tons at $2.45; Clinchfield Fuel Company, commencing deliveries as required during August, 1912, 250,000 tons at $2.61; Seaboard Coal Company, 50,000 tons at $2.98; Smokeless Fuel Company, approximately 60,000 tons at $5 a ton for cargoes loaded in April and May and $2.80 thereafter; E. Russell Norton Company, 25,000 tons at $2.68; Pocahontas Fuel Company, 300,000 tons at $2.80; Logan Coal Company, 50,000 tons at $2.95 f. o. b. Philadelphia and $2.88 at Baltimore.

COAL SITUATION CRISIS.

Policy Committee of Miners' Meets in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., March 25.—A crisis in the coal situation, determining whether more than 450,000 miners in the bituminous and anthracite fields shall strike on April 1, or suspend until new wage agreements can be effected, is expected this week.

Members of the executive board and policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America began to arrive here yesterday to prepare to draw up recommendations for a referendum vote by the union. They will not act, however, until after the operators and miners of the bituminous fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, at their session here Tuesday, have decided whether they can agree on a two-year scale.

IDLE CARS DECREASED 4,700 FORTNIGHT ENDED MARCH 13

Net Surplus of Cars Stood at 3,043 Compared With 7,842—Gross Surplus Totaled 46,028.

Fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association states that on March 13 the net surplus of idle cars on the lines of the United States and Canada stood at 3,043 compared with 7,842 two weeks ago, a difference of 4,799. The latest surplus is abnormally low far this time of year; in fact comparing with the lowest figures of any time of the year. No such low figures at this time of year can be found without going back to 1907. The number of idle cars of the gross surplus was 46,028, compared with 44,984, while the shortage increased from 37,142 to 42,985, a difference which affected the net surplus to the greatest degree.

In the two weeks ended March 13, the surplus of coal cars decreased from 10,239 to 2,844 and the box car surplus increased from 9,024 to 12,910. Shortages in these classes of cars, however, increased decidedly.

This latest decrease in surplus cars and the increased shortage compared with 1911 is doubtless partly due to the greater severity of the weather this year but may also be explained by the prospective suspension of coal traffic, which has caused consumers and shippers to use every effort to add to their reserves and has brought heavy demands upon the roads for cars. Decreases in surpluses were not very marked in any one section, but were spread over the country. The middle western territory showed a gross surplus of 3,134 cars and had a shortage of over 12,000 the largest of any section reporting to the Association. The middle Atlantic states showed a decrease in surplus of about 200. In Kansas, Colorado and the Southwest heavier shipments reduced the number of available cars by about 2,600. In the South Atlantic and Gulf States there were only 329 cars on hand, while the shortage was 4,367 indicating a car scarcity unusual for that territory.

In Oregon, California and Arizona there were more cars available than in any other section, the total there being 18,621 an increase of over 1,000 cars compared with a fortnight ago. In the Northwest also the surplus showed an upward tendency, the surplus being 8,498 against 7,371. The shortage was about half that.

Following is a table showing the surpluses and shortages at various recent dates:

	Surp.	Short.	Net Sur.
March 13	46,028	42,985	3,043
Feb. 28	44,984	37,142	7,842
Feb. 14	50,886	36,928	13,958
Jan. 31	55,592	23,011	32,581
Jan. 17	102,179	12,194	90,255
Jan. 3	142,016	6,378	135,638
Dec. 20	88,646	11,832	76,814
Dec. 6	56,849	17,697	39,148
Nov. 22	43,059	19,945	23,110
Nov. 8	45,290	18,776	26,514
Oct. 25	46,306	18,774	26,532
Oct. 11	48,854	12,957	35,847
Sept. 27	58,382	8,311	50,018
Sept. 13	70,722	6,439	64,283
Aug. 30	88,826	4,325	84,501
Aug. 16	108,900	3,830	104,170
Aug. 2	130,136	2,015	128,011
July 19	150,433	1,361	149,072
July 5	165,508	1,887	163,621
June 21	167,931	2,761	165,170
June 7	169,006	2,036	166,970

A year ago at this time the net surplus of idle cars was 207,527, an increase over the previous two weeks of 17,419. The shortage at that time was only 1,266. By comparing these figures with those of this year, the remarkable status of the freight car situation may readily be understood.

ST. PAUL'S DOUBLE TRACK.

Preliminary Work Begun on the Main Line From Aberdeen, S. D.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 25.—The St. Paul line has started preliminary work on the construction of 70 miles of additional track, to double track its main line between Aberdeen and Summit, S. D. Groton, Andover, Webster and Waubay, four important grain shipping station, are on this line between Aberdeen and Milbank, and there is heavy business originating there.

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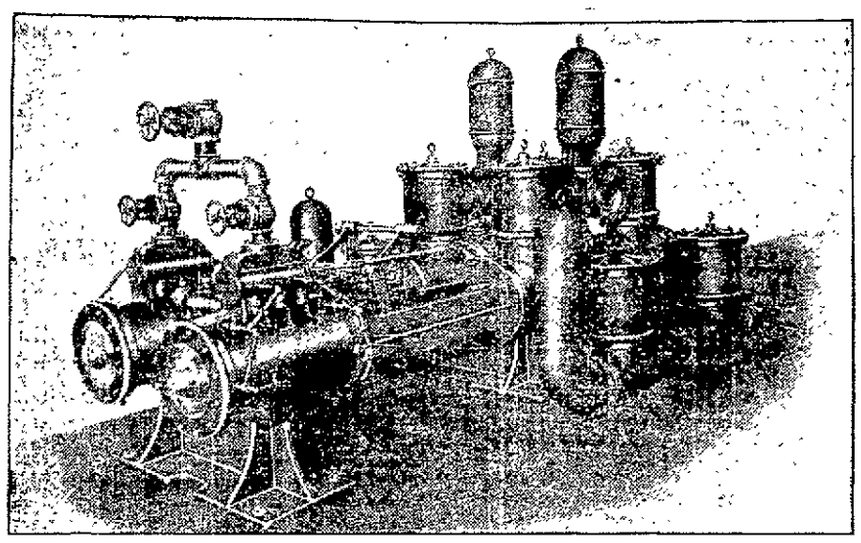

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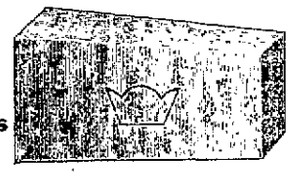

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